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Taiwan premier resigns

TAIPEI, Taiwan, May 17, (AP): Premier Yu Kuo-Hwa said today he has submitted his resignation to President Lee Teng-hui to preserve party unity and allow a younger person to succeed him.

"I am resigning for the unity of the ruling party," Yu told reporters. "This is the right time for me to resign. We should let younger people take this position."

Yu, 75, a former finance minister and governor of Taiwan's Central Bank, has been premier since 1984.

Yu has been accused of being too conservative in his policies. News reports have said some members of the ruling Nationalist Party planned to push for his resignation at a three-day party meeting that begins June 3.

Yu said he submitted his resignation to President Lee earlier this week.

Indian government accuses Nepal of harassment

NEW DELHI, India, May 17, (AP): India, offended at being perceived as the big bully in a trade dispute with Nepal, today accused its small Himalayan neighbour of harassing Indian citizens. Nepal denied the charges.

"In recent weeks, stringent restrictions have been placed on the Indians in Nepal," Foreign Ministry spokesman Aftab Seth said.

He said the 150,000 Indian citizens living in Nepal now are required to obtain work permits.

But in Kathmandu, Nepalese government spokesman Radhe Shyam Bista said this was only a registration procedure that started in 1987 and applied only to three of the country's 75 provinces. Seth said it was a nationwide requirement. The three provinces cited by Bista cover Kathmandu and nearby towns, Nepal's biggest population centre.

Seth also accused the Nepalese government of pressuring foreign firms not to employ Indians, of preventing Indians from opening bank accounts

and of peremptorily informing Indian teachers in recent weeks to resign from their jobs.

Bista denied the Indian charges. He said no Indian teachers had been asked to quit since the trade dispute started. However, the Education Ministry said last year all teachers in Nepal must apply for Nepalese citizenship.

India, which is host to an estimated 5 million Nepalese citizens, has not imposed similar requirements for employment.

Nepal has said the new procedures, such as requiring companies to register their employees, applies to all foreign residents. India says the two countries' 1950 friendship treaty, which is still in effect unlike the trade and transit treaties that expired March 23, provides for a special relationship.

"If Indians are to be clubbed with foreigners, that knocks the very bottom out of the 1950 treaty," said Seth. "It is not enough to say they are treating Indians as any other foreigners."

Daily expenses \$5,800

Khashoggi to stay in prison

BERN, May 17, (UPI): Saudi Arabian businessman Adnan Khashoggi will remain in prison at least another four or five weeks unless he agrees to voluntary extradition to the United States, the Swiss Justice Ministry said today.

Khashoggi will be held much longer than that if he appeals against acceptance of the US extradition request expected to arrive by Friday or early next week, a ministry spokesman said.

Swiss media calculated his daily expenses are around 10,000 Swiss francs (\$5,800) counting legal fees, luxury hotel rooms for his daughter, lawyers, other aides and bodyguards, and gourmet meals brought in from outside.

At that rate, his detention in Switzerland where he originally came for cellular therapy or so-called fresh cell rejuvenation treatment could cost him as much as \$1 million.

Khashoggi has occupied a small cell in Bern's district prison for one month after his arrest April 18 at the request of the United States where he is wanted on charges of racketeering.

The onetime multi-billionaire, now reportedly in financial trouble, was indicted in New York in March for allegedly fronting for former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda.

China explodes

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"Justice, human rights," read two huge banners overlooking the square from the roof of a national museum. "We demand the government resign," read a banner carried by marchers.

Protesters insulted senior leader Deng Xiaoping and Premier Li Peng and urged them to resign. Chinese journalists circulated a petition praising Deng's accomplishments, but calling for him to retire.

"You've done your job," said the petitions to be given to the government-run All-China Journalists Association. "Now it's time for others to take over."

One young man wearing 3-D glasses stood before soldiers at the Great Hall, holding a bamboo pole on which dangled a small bottle with a noose around its neck. The name "Xiaoping" is a homonym for "small bottle" in Chinese.

Protests were reported in 10 other cities. Some 20,000 students massed in the main square in Lanzhou in western Gansu province, foreigners in the city said. At least 1,000 students staged a hunger strike in downtown Shanghai and several thousand protested in eastern Nanjing, reports from those cities said.

The Beijing demonstration, with an estimated one million taking part, was the largest since student protests for greater political freedom erupted exactly a month ago, and involved an unprecedented cross-section of Chinese society.

"Before there was only one voice, the government," exulted Lu Zhun, a college sophomore from eastern Tianjin, amid the throngs in Tiananmen Square. "Now there are many voices."

Public discontent is widespread over record inflation,

corruption and widening income gaps accompanying problems in China's decade-old free-enterprise economic reforms.

Workers called wildcat strikes and traffic and commerce in much of the city ground to a halt.

The protests focused on the hunger strikes at the centre of the square trying to embarrass the government into meeting their demands for recognition of the

student movement and wide-ranging talks with senior leaders. More than 800 hunger strikers have been hospitalised, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

At a news conference Gorbachev told reporters he had seen the students who launched the mass action and had talked to some of them. He did not say where.



A small child raises her arms and displays the victory sign as she rides on her father's back during a citizen demonstration in Tiananmen Square. (Reuters wirephoto)



File photo of Amha Selassie I (centre) the exiled son of the late Haile Selassie. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rebels kill

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afternoon. Ethiopian state radio reported earlier today that the coup attempt had been crushed.

The radio said two of the coup leaders, chief of staff of the armed forces Major General Merid Negusie and the head of the Air Force, Major General Amha Desta, had been killed and several other generals linked to the uprising had been arrested.

There were strong indications today that rebel army units had seized control of Asmara, the capital of the northern province of Eritrea, where the Army has been fighting separatist guerrillas for the last 28 years.

An aide of Ethiopia's self-declared emperor in exile said in London today he believed the leaders of a coup attempt in Addis Ababa were following orders from his chief, the son of the late emperor Haile Selassie.

Seife-Michael Zewde, privy councillor to Haile Selassie's son Tafari Wossen, told Reuters: "This government-in-exile was liaising with the Army officers who organised the coup... we have every belief they are following the directives of the emperor."

Live on TV

LONDON, May 17, (Reuters): Britons will soon be able to fit faces to the Barnyard cacophony emanating from parliament — the House of Commons is going live on television. An all-party committee of legislators urged today that television broadcasting should start in November for complement existing radio coverage.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

PARIS: Clip-on condom-holders in bright yellow plastic may be dangling soon from the belts of French troops, if the military approves an anti-AIDS idea from its medical service.

Condoms are to go on sale in every barracks to encourage safer sex. Now military medics have a "preservatif" handy when off-base.

The prototype model, which contains basic instruction about the condom's use, does double duty as a key-holder and could be printed with regimental badges or the names of warships. (Reuters)

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin: The Walt Disney Co. won a \$150,000 award from a Milwaukee T-shirt printer Tuesday for infringing on its copyright by making and selling shirts with characters from the movie *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.

US district judge made the award and also prohibited Concert Shirt Inc. and owner Jack Kapper from manufacturing or marketing shirts or other objects with characters or objects from the movie.

Kupper was found to have infringed on the copyright by using pictures of Roger Rabbit, Jessica, and Benny the Cab. (AP)

NEW YORK: A convicted drug trafficker faces life behind bars after pleading guilty to charges that included threatening the life of former US attorney Rudolph Giuliani, who is now running for New York City mayor, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Salvatore Spatola, 40, also admitted his part in a bungled attempt on the life of a defendant in the "Pizza Connection" drug trial.

Spatola, who is already serving a five-year federal narcotics sentence, pleaded guilty to four felony counts late Monday before US district judge Kevin T. Duffy.

He pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy, narcotics conspiracy, heroin trafficking and threatening to murder a federal law enforcement



Members of the expedition to the North Pole hold the flags of their countries after reaching the pole. Icewalkers evacuated from North Pole

Balloon trip—next Swan song

RESOLUTE, Northwest Territories, May 17. (Reuters) Robert Swan, the British adventurer who led a team of ice walkers to the North Pole this week, is at work on what he expects to be his next great feat—flying a balloon around the world.

Swan, a charismatic idealist who wants to save the world for young people, is planning to float around the globe in a voyage culminating at the 1992 summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Swan, with his team of seven explorers, completed the 600-mile (965 km), 56-day, death-defying ice walk to the

official—Giuliani. Spatola admitted plotting to kill Pietro Alfano, a drug-trial defendant who was paralyzed by gunfire on a Greenwich village street in February 1987.

Alfano was one of 18 men convicted the following month of par-

pole on Sunday.

They were evacuated from the pole on Monday and flown to Resolute, Northwest Territories. They spent the night in the northern outpost before being flown to Ottawa for medical examinations.

The explorers were supposed to be taken out Sunday shortly after ending their 774-kilometer (480-mile) trek, which they undertook to draw global attention to environmental concerns. But poor visibility at the pole kept the rescue planes grounded at their base in Eureka, North West Territories.

Police acting on a tip found the leaf-covered body of Tracy Shepherd, 27, early Tuesday in the woods, district attorney Judd Carhart said. He said she was killed about a week ago, apparently after a dispute with her boyfriend.

Carhart declined to say how the woman was killed until an autopsy was performed.

David MacDonald, 30, was arrested in the couple's apartment less than a block from the police station, Saharacski said. The bartender pleaded not guilty and was ordered to undergo psychiatric tests.

"They are just cases of domestic violence, and who knows why they happen?" Saharacski said. "We could have a police officer on every corner in town and we still couldn't stop what happened."

But Mary-Gabriel, a part-time student and volunteer at a women's shelter in nearby Northampton, blamed the violence in part on hard times.

The other victims were between 16 and 31 years old. The suspects in each of those killings were identified as boyfriends of the women. (AP)

NEW YORK: A New York City drug dealer convicted of murdering a policeman was sentenced on Tuesday to 25 years to life in prison as 150 of the victim's colleagues applauded.

This arrogant act assaults our society," Supreme Court justice Thomas A. Donahoe told Philip Copeland, 23, who was convicted along with two other men March 29 in the February 1988 slaying of officer Edward Byrne.

"There is no doubt that, of the three, Copeland was the worst," said Donahoe, charging that Copeland arranged the murder after getting an order to "see a cop" in a telephone call from alleged kingpin Howard "Pappy" Mason, who allegedly made the call from prison.

Byrne was shot five times at close range as he sat alone in a parked patrol car on a Crack cocaine-infested street. He was guarding the home of some people whose house was firebombed after they complained to police of the drug dealers outside.

The case received national attention when US President George Bush referred to it in during the campaign for the presidency, calling it a symbol of drug-related crime.

The judge postponed until June 6 the sentencing of Copeland's co-defendants. (AP)

MUSKEGON, Michigan: A man was found guilty of murder but mentally ill Tuesday after killing his two sons in a 1,300-degree Fahrenheit (700-degree Celsius) foundry ladle.

A jury deliberated nearly two hours before returning the verdict against Bartley James Dobben, 28, in the November 1987 deaths of 2-year-

old Bartley Joel and 15-month-old Peter David at the plant where Dobben worked.

Dobben will serve a mandatory sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.

The defense contended Dobben, diagnosed a paranoid schizophrenic, was insane at the time of the slayings. Brett Gardner, an assistant prosecutor, said Dobben killed his sons because his marriage of four years was failing.

According to testimony, Dobben loaded his wife and children in the car for Thanksgiving dinner at his parents' home but told his wife he had to get a Bible from his locker at the Cannon-Muskegon Corp. and show the boys where he worked.

As Dobben's pregnant wife, Susan, waited outside, Dobben put the boys in a furnace used to hold molten metal and turned the gas jets up until the ladle glowed red, authorities said. Autopsies showed the boys quickly suffocated and burned. (AP)

SALT LAKE CITY: A man convicted of manslaughter in a child-snake-bite death of a toddler asked the Utah court of appeals to reduce his sentence because he did not think the rattlesnake he dropped about the child's neck was dangerous.

Defense lawyer MacArthur Wright told the court that his client, Darrell Lawrence Wessendorf, "is a unique, different individual who has handled snakes for years and has been bitten many times. In his mind, they are not that dangerous."

Wessendorf, 25, was convicted of manslaughter in the May 7, 1987, death of a 21-month-old girl. He had dropped a rattlesnake around Steve Laren Kirkwood's neck and the reptile bit the toddler on the shoulder.

The court took under advisement arguments on whether Wessendorf's conviction should be reduced to criminal negligence. He was sentenced to up to 15 years in prison on the manslaughter conviction. Criminal negligence, a misdemeanor, carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail.

Barbara Barsom, of the Utah attorney-general's office, argued in favor of upholding Wessendorf's conviction. "Reckless conduct is the standard for manslaughter and his conduct was reckless," Barsom said.

But Wright contended Wessendorf had a "misperception" of the risks, believing the snake to be less dangerous than it was.

The self-employed horsehoeer was charged with second-degree murder in the child's death but judge Philip Eves found him guilty Feb. 24, 1988, on the reduced manslaughter charge.

During an April 11, 1988, sentencing hearing, Eves rejected a defense motion for a suspended sentence, saying, "this court cannot look upon the taking of another person's life with the least degree of allowance." (UPI)

PARIS: The adventures of Mickey Mouse are now available in more languages than the Bible, the works of Lenin or Agatha Christie, a survey of translations shows.

The survey, published by the United Nations Cultural Agency UNESCO, says stories featuring Walt Disney's cartoon mouse were translated 284 times in the reference year 1983.

Russian revolutionary leader Lenin's writings went out in 276 versions, Agatha Christie's mysteries in 262, and the Bible was translated 219 times. (Reuters)

STOCKHOLM, Sweden: The manager of Abba, the disbanded pop group, announced Tuesday he is creating a prize for music, with the 40 million kronor (\$6 million) he

received from the sale of his record company.

"It is a broad prize. Had it existed before, Elvis Presley and the Beatles probably would have won it. Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington and Bach and Beethoven," said Stikkan Anderson.

The prize will be awarded by the Swedish Royal Academy of music, he said.

Anderson had previously offered the Nobel foundation to finance a Nobel music prize to be added to the science and peace prizes awarded from the estate of 19th-century inventor Alfred Nobel, but the idea was rejected.

Anderson helped establish Abba with Sweden Music, which still draws one-fourth of its royalties from the 1970s music by the quartet which broke up in 1981. (AP)

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minnesota: A much-publicized home-steading plan that attracted inquiries from around the world is being placed out.

Koochiching county officials are proposing to end the plan at the end of the year, more than two years early.



Record auction

A Sotheby's employee displaying a rare quartzite, or "official" ware Chinese brushwashing bowl from the Song Dynasty (12th century AD) at Sotheby's May auction in Hong Kong on Tuesday. The brushwasher fetched 22 million Hong Kong dollars (\$2.8 million), setting a world record for antique Chinese porcelain. (Reuters wirephoto)

The county board will consider the proposal next month.

Jerry Andrie, the programme's executive director, said Tuesday that he favours the phase-out plan suggested by commissioner Bruce Magnus.

"I hope they (the commissioners) go along because we have to get this turned around," he said.

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In 1987 the county proposed to give 40 acres (16 ha) of land to anyone who would build a home and live on the property for 10 years. The move, a seeming throwback to 19th century homesteading, was an effort to bring people to the sparsely-populated area just south of the Canadian border.

The programme got much national media attention in the past six months and this brought requests for information from more than 10,000 people, some from as far away as Germany.

The office is handling the requests quickly, were overwhelmed and at the same time local opposition mounted.

"We could never shake the perception, that the programme was going to bring folks up here with no means of support, that they'd camp out somewhere and go on welfare," Andrie said.

Despite the interest in the programme, only two homesteaders — both local men — were awarded 40-acre parcels. And the programme ran afoul of state law and banking practices, further thwarting its success. (UPI)

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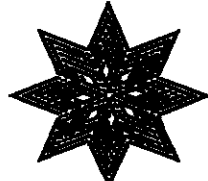
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Way cleared for first human gene transplant

WASHINGTON, May 17, (AP) — A court agreement reached yesterday clears the way for the first authorised human gene transplant and requires the National Institutes of Health to open future decision-making on human gene experiments to the public.

The settlement came in a law-

suit filed Jan 30 which had challenged the planned use of a foreign gene in an experiment with melanoma, an often-fatal skin cancer.

US district judge John G. Penn signed the agreement to dismiss the suit filed by the Foundation on Economic Trends and its

president, Jeremy Rifkin. The suit had said the National Institutes of Health recombinant DNA advisory committee approved the experiment on melanoma patients without conducting proper public hearings.

Under the agreement, the committee from now on must hold all deliberations and votes

in open public session. Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan approved amendments to the DNA committee's charter containing the new requirement.

The National Institutes of Health is the only agency in the United States that can approve experiments to change the

human genetic makeup of human beings. "This will be the first major medical technology in which the public will be allowed to fully participate in the review process," said Rifkin. "We hope it will set a precedent. Other countries look to the United States for the lead."

The agreement doesn't apply to the human gene transplant regarding melanoma. The committee approved using the gene transplant on 10 melanoma patients with a life expectancy of 90 days.

There had been no court order blocking the experiment, but the government had delayed it.

MEDICAL FILE

Cancer prediction: American scientists have now succeeded in pinpointing genetic changes that predict cancer and they foresee tests to tell who is vulnerable and if a tumour will spread or remain confined to a specific site in the body.

Some experts say that within three to five years doctors will be able to test the genes in patients' cells and tell them for example, whether they have already suffered one of the four to six genetic changes that lead to lung cancer.

Such information could offer clues to early treatment and warn susceptible individuals to avoid increasing their risk.

These latest findings have been reported by the National Cancer Institute, which has formed a committee to help bring the new gene research to clinical practice as quickly as possible. (KUNA).

Juicy treatment: Two Israeli researchers have found scientific evidence to support the common medical practice of prescribing cranberry juice for urinary tract infections, the Weizmann Institute of Science said Tuesday.

The juice contains compounds that inhibit two types of tiny hair-like structures on bacteria from attaching themselves to the urinary tract tissue, said a statement from the institute in Rehovot, near Tel Aviv.

It noted that while most fruit juices can prevent one type of the bacteria from connecting, only cranberry juice blocks both strains.

The research was carried out by professors Nathan Sharon of the Weizmann Institute and Itzhak Ofek of Tel Aviv University, the statement said.

It added that clinical studies will be needed to establish the medical relevance of the research. (AP)

Oily protection: A diet high in fish oil may benefit the gut as well as the heart, researchers told a meeting of digestive disease experts on Monday.

In studies on animals, the researchers turned up evidence that fish oil may protect against two common diseases of the digestive tract — gallstones and colitis.

In one study, Dr Richard Fedorak of the University of Alberta in Edmonton found that a diet rich in fish oil reversed the symptoms of colitis in laboratory rats.

In a second study, a team of scientists led by Dr Thomas Magnuson of Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Hospital concluded that fish oil in the diet of adult male prairie dogs protected against a common form of gallstones. (Reuters)

AIDS virus: AIDS experts from wealthy nations heard on Tuesday that 18 million people could carry the virus by the year 2000 unless prevention and treatment improves.

But participants said that speakers at a one-day conference overwhelmingly rejected coercive measures such as compulsory testing or obliging doctors to disclose the identities of AIDS sufferers.

"The most effective health campaigns are those which respect human rights," said the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima said.

French President Francois Mitterrand, who sponsored the conference, appealed for tolerance. "We have to persuade the patients not to become discouraged. This is a battle to save the human species," he said. (Reuters)

Fighting AIDS: A common heart drug substantially improves the ability of the AIDS-fighting drug AZT to stop the deadly virus from replicating in the test tube, researchers reported.

But while laboratory experiments with the anti-clotting agent Dipyridamole are encouraging, the broader implications for victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome are known, said Dr John Weinstein, a researcher at the National Cancer Institute.

Weinstein was part of a National Institutes of Health team that conducted the research, published Monday in proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. (UPI)

Metallurgical test to confirm cold fusion

SALT LAKE CITY, May 17, (UPI) — A key metallurgical test could confirm whether two electrochemists produced a nuclear fusion reaction in a tabletop experiment, a University of Utah physicist said yesterday.

The university has sent palladium electrodes to several laboratories to determine

whether helium — a fusion by-product of two atoms of heavy hydrogen, hydrogen atoms with an extra neutron called deuterium — is present, said James Brophy.

"Everyone, including the sceptical physicists, agree that if a sufficient amount of helium 4 can be detected in the palladium

cathode, that the only possible explanation for that is fusion," said Brophy.

Stanley Pons, university chemistry department chairman, and electrochemist Martin Fleischmann of England's Southampton University announced on March 23 they had produced cold fusion inside a metal electrode.



American director Elia Kazan (left) poses with French actress Juliette Binoche after a press conference in Cannes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Steiger, the survivor

Anti-Semitism examined

Reunion at Cannes

CANNES, France, May 17, (Reuters) — After quadruple heart

bypass surgery and a crippling

case of clinical depression that

bailed doctors, American film

star Rod Steiger feels he merits

the term "survivor."

"At my age there are 'veterans

and survivors.' I seem to have

become a survivor," 64-year-old

Steiger said in an interview at the

Cannes film festival, where he is

promoting his latest movie.

Looking fit and tanned,

Steiger explained he had only

recently been cured of a hor-

monal imbalance that struck him

down six years ago, leaving him

unable to work.

"I came downstairs one morn-

ing, I sat down and I couldn't get

up again. I was paralysed by

depression," said Steiger, best

known for playing a bigoted

southern policeman in the 1967

story of American racism "In

The Heat Of The Night."

Steiger said his heart problems

and depression had wiped out

most of the 1980s, but he had

begun a comeback about three

years ago by acting in a horror

film.

The grizzly Steiger plays a

World War Two Yugoslav partisan

fighter in "That Summer of

White Roses," with British

actors Tom Conti and Susan

CANNES, France, May 17, (UPI) — American director Gerry Schatzberg says

his film "Reunion," screened yesterday at the Cannes film festival, reveals the

horrendous inhumanity of anti-Semitism.

"I think anti-Semitism always has happened and always will happen, and we

should be reminded of it," Schatzberg told United Press International in an

interview.

The film, a British-French-West German co-production, examines anti-

Semitism through the story of two teen-age boys, an aristocrat and a Jew, who

are divided by the rise of Nazism.

When Hans, the Jew, is forced to leave Germany, his friend, Konradin, tells

him good-bye, saying "I think Hitler can save our country. He's our only hope."

"I'm sure in a couple of years you will be able to come back," Konradin adds.

"I am sure that the Führer will be willing to choose between the good Jewish

elements and the undesirable Jewish elements."

At the age of 70, Hans, calling himself Henry and played by Jason Robards,

returns to the country that he was wiped from his life to discover what happened

to his best friend.

Schatzberg, who is in Cannes for the fifth time and won the festival's coveted

Golden Palm prize for his film "Scarecrow" in 1973, compares the issues raised

in his film with events that have taken place in modern America.

"At the beginning of the Nixon era, (then vice-president) Spiro Agnew was

pushing for censorship, trying to change the rules of freedom of information and

I thought that was very dangerous," Schatzberg said.

George which is being launched

at the Cannes festival.

"I have my appetite back now

and I'm just happy to be able to

look forward to waking up in the

morning. I also have several

other films to keep me busy," he

said.

Steiger, whose film career

began in 1954, still speaks about

"In The Heat Of The Night" as

though it was filmed recently.

"I'm still very proud of it. It was a

very important film for

America."

He said he and the film's black

star Sydney Poitier used to sneak

into cinemas to watch a land-

mark scene in the film when

Poitier hits a white man.

Exxon probers told of errors

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, May 17, (UPI) — A series of human and mechanical errors aboard the supertanker Exxon Valdez apparently mounted until the ship finally crashed into submerged rocks, causing the worst oil spill in US history, testimony at a formal inquiry indicated.

As the giant ship neared a tricky passage through waters mined with icebergs and rocky reefs, the captain was in his cabin, the lookout was 800 feet (250 m) behind the bow and the ship was not responding to the helm, testimony and investigative reports showed yesterday.

In 900 pages of federal investigation files released yesterday, the captain of the tanker told investigators he overestimated the ability of the third mate left in charge to negotiate the passage through Prince William Sound, where the ship crashed into a reef March 24 and dumped 10.9 million gallons (41.3 million litres) of oil.

The files show that fired skipper Joseph Hazelwood admitted to Coast Guard questioners that as captain of the ship "he was responsible (but he had) over-estimated the third mate's ship-handling ability."

Third mate Gregory Cousins, the first witness at the five-day National Transportation Safety Board hearing that began yesterday in Anchorage, testified that Hazelwood asked if he was comfortable with the responsibility of guiding the ship.

"Yes, I was," he said, adding it was not the first time he had been left in charge on the bridge, although he was unlicensed to sail such a ship in those waters.

Hazelwood refused to testify at the NTSB hearing because he faces state criminal charges in the accident. He has pleaded innocent to counts of operating the tanker while intoxicated, reckless endangerment and negligent discharge of oil.

Ship pilot William Murphy, who guided the vessel out of the port of Valdez and into Prince William Sound but disembarked 45 minutes before the accident, testified yesterday it was highly unusual and inadvisable for a skipper not to be on the bridge in those treacherous waters.



The preference for sons is deeply rooted in patriarchal tradition.

Women in bondage

Birth control inadequate

UNITED NATIONS, May 17,

(Agencies) — Access to birth con-

trol is inadequate in many coun-

tries and the world's population

could almost triple to 14 billion

in a century unless there is greater

use of contraception, a UN

report said today.

There is "a cruelly inadequate

supply of contraception to

women who want it" and there

are countries where most people

have virtually no access to family

planning, undersecretary-gen-

eral Naftis Sadik said in the

report.

About 465 million people

practise birth control today and

that number must increase to

1.218 billion by the year 2025 if

population were to hold at 8.5

billion then and stabilise at 10

billion a century from now, said

Sadik, a Pakistani doctor.

If not, 10 billion would be the

2025 population total — with

Asia's projected 5.5 billion people

accounting for more than the

entire present global population

of 5.2 billion — and 14 billion the

stabilisation point, she said.

Sadik, executive director of

the UN Population Fund

(UNFPA), offered her projec-

tions in the latest annual series of

documents on "The State of

World Population."

In her report, Sadik men-

tioned the damaging impact of

an exploding population on the

environment — currently a

priority item in the agenda of

many governments.

She also said women should

have more access to education

and employment.

Too many women remain

trapped because of fundamen-

talist religions which "keep women

in bondage" and cultural values

that put men first, she said.

Appealing for a five-fold

increase in world spending on

family planning, her report said:

"The status of women will be

crucial in determining future

population growth rates."

Half the world's women still

have no access to family planning

services — mostly women living

in traditional male-dominated

societies or areas remote from

family planning services, Sadik

said.

"Yet, this is precisely the

audience we must reach if we are

to have further success in our

efforts," she said.

About 465 million women in

the developing world, or 45 per

cent, use contraceptives — 14 per

cent in Africa, 50 per cent in Asia,

and 56 per cent in Latin America.

It said that without China's

extensive birth control

programme the overall use of

contraceptives in the developing

world would drop to about 30

per cent.

To attain the desired drop in

fertility, 58 per cent of women

will have to be using family plan-

ning in 2000 and 71 per cent —

the present level in industrialised

countries — by 2025, it said. In

sub-Saharan Africa, those using

family planning would have to

increase ten-fold.

Thirty-one countries in the

developing world still have vir-

tually no family planning

facilities, the report said, and 37

of the poorest countries have cut

health spending by 50 per cent

and education by 25 per cent in

the last four years.

Sadik accused religious

leaders of being on "a power ego

thing... They're reinforcing their

authority. It's like all religious

leaders...who do they talk to?

They talk to the poor and the

illiterate and those are the only

groups they can really sway."

Copter filming Norris action movie crashes: four die, four hurt

MANILA, May 17, (AP) — A helicopter used in filming a Chuck Norris action movie crashed into a ravine and exploded, killing four people.

Four people were seriously injured, officials said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Order suspended

LONDON, May 17, (KUNA): Five deported Sri Lankan Tamils who have won the right to return to the UK must stay in their own country pending a British Home Office appeal even though they face reported persecution and torture.

Immigration appeals adjudicator Geoffrey Care decided last March that all five had been entitled to political asylum in Britain and they had been illegally deported by the Home Office immigration authorities. He ordered that they should be returned to the UK "with minimum delay".

But today his order was suspended by a judge here at the request of British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd.

Chakma refugees

AGARTALA, India, May 17, (Reuters): Thousands more Chakma refugees fleeing violence in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh are poised near the Indian border waiting for a chance to slip across, Indian officials said today.

More than 7,000 tribal refugees have flooded across the jungle-clad border hills into India's north-eastern state of Tripura in the past few days.

Siachen talks

NEW DELHI, May 17, (KUNA): A major exercise to find a political solution to the Siachen dispute is underway with senior Pakistani and Indian officials holding parleys in Islamabad on the issue.

Indian prime minister's principal aide on foreign policy Ronen Sen went to Islamabad to discuss with Pakistani leaders Siachen issue. He met Iqbal Akhund, Premier Benazir Bhutto's advisor on foreign policy.

Sanctions

JOHANNESBURG, May 17, (Reuters): More than 80 per cent of South Africans oppose Western anti-apartheid sanctions, according to an opinion poll yesterday.

The Gallup poll, commissioned by South Africa's Chamber of Mines and reported on state-run television, said 82 per cent of respondents, of all races, felt sanctions were a bad idea.

Mass murder

PRETORIA, May 17, (Reuters): A former policeman was charged yesterday of killing six black South African men during a one-day shooting rampage in downtown Pretoria last November.

Barend Strydom, 23, also was convicted of killing a black woman at a squatter camp on Nov 8, a week prior to the massacre in Pretoria, and of attempting to murder the 16 blacks who were wounded in the two incidents.

Karen base

MAE SOT, Thailand, May 17, (AP): Burmese government troops overran one of the Karen rebels' most important bases after two weeks of heavy fighting along the Thai frontier, rebel sources said today.

Soldiers yesterday overran the base at Wangcha, about 30 km (19 miles) north of the Burmese town of Myawaddy near the Thai border.

Compromises

BANGKOK, May 17, (UPI): The Khmer Rouge guerrilla group has given up some of its military demands and proposed a liberal democratic constitution — compromises that improve prospects for a political settlement in Cambodia, resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said today.

"For the first time the party of Democratic Kampuchea (the Khmer Rouge) is allowing me to really work with (Pro-Vietnamese Prime Minister) Hun Sen in order to get groups close to each other," Sihanouk said.

Boat people

HAARLEM, May 17, (AP): A Dutch coastguard tug has taken 87 Vietnamese refugees from a sinking boat in the South China Sea, the owners of the Dutch vessel said yesterday.

The Santania, owned by the Dutch Towage Company ITC, rescued the refugees on Monday after they had drifted for three days, according to company spokesman Jan Timmermans.

The boat had left Vietnam with 90 passengers, but three had died before the Dutch tug sighted them, Timmermans said.

Milan Pancevski

BELGRADE, May 17, (Reuters): Milan Pancevski, a politician from the Republic of Macedonia who supported a crackdown on recent ethnic Albanian unrest, was chosen today as the leader of Yugoslavia's ruling Communist Party.

Pancevski, who turned 54 yesterday, defeated rival Macedonian candidate Vasil Tupurkovski by 17 votes to five in a vote of the 23-member politburo, Tanjug news agency said. One vote was declared invalid.

Otelo freed

LISBON, May 17, (Reuters): Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, the hero of Portugal's 1974 revolution who was later jailed for 18 years on terrorism charges, was ordered released today after a Supreme Court ruling.

The court ruled that Colonel Otelo, who led the military uprising that restored democracy to Portugal, should be given a fresh hearing because of irregularities during his trial which ended two years ago.

Alfonsin rejects resignation of cabinet

BUENOS AIRES, May 17, (AP): President Raul Alfonsin rejected the resignation of his eight-member cabinet yesterday and sought an urgent meeting with President-elect Carlos Menem to discuss turning over power.

Menem, who led an opposition Peronist resurgence in Sunday's national elections, flew to Buenos Aires from his home province of La Rioja to meet with Alfonsin. He told a newspaper he was willing to meet "as many times as necessary" with Alfonsin, and, "all he has to do is call me."

Alfonsin met for 2-1/2 hours with his cabinet,

World spent \$34b on arms in 1988: study

Spread of missiles changing world balance, warns Jane's

LONDON, May 17, (Reuters): The spread of advanced strategic missiles to smaller nations, including some which may be able to make nuclear warheads, is changing the balance of world power, weapons experts said yesterday.

The first edition of Jane's Strategic Weapon Systems said at least 16 countries outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Warsaw pact possessed short-range ballistic missiles or were developing them.

Duncan Lennox and Roger Loasby, the

book's editors, named Argentina, Colombia, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, South Africa and Vietnam as countries believed to be capable of manufacturing nuclear warheads for their missiles.

The book, published by the authoritative Jane's Defence Data, said there had been a wide proliferation of chemical weapons and ballistic missiles in the Middle East.

Some countries in the region had acquired

the Chinese CSS-2 missiles, which have a range of 1,500 km (940 miles), during the past year to add to existing stocks of Soviet missiles.

There were reports also of Middle East

nations negotiating for supplies of the more advanced Chinese M family of missiles.

Middle East states known to have acquired strategic missiles included Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, South Yemen and Syria.

Jane's said the proliferation of more lethal

ballistic missiles and the increasing number of missiles aboard ships and submarines meant "all nations should be aware of the changing threat situation."

It estimated that the five existing nuclear powers — the United States, the Soviet Union, China, France and Britain — had 10,000 nuclear warheads in ballistic and cruise missiles which were or could be deployed on ships or submarines.

STOCKHOLM, May 17, (Agencies): Fewer wars were fought last year, worldwide military spending declined and the global arms trade levelled off, reversing the wartime trends of the 1980s, researchers said today.

The number of hot wars fell during the year from 33 to 28, and others appeared close to a resolution by year's end, said the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute in its 1988 yearbook.

"There was a clear break in the pattern of a constant increase in the number of major conflicts with which the world had grown accustomed during the 1980s," said the SIPRI report.

Institute director Walter Stuetzle said today the proliferation of ballistic missiles with

nuclear capability was "one of the most disturbing developments" of recent years.

The report said 17 Third World nations have deployed ballistic missiles, and at least seven more have them or are trying to acquire them.

Speaking at a news conference, Stuetzle said that 19 years after the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, "no effective mechanism has been established to control this development."

The conventional arms trade totalled \$34 billion, last year, measured in 1985 prices, the report said, slightly down from 1987's record figure. But the share bought by Third World countries dropped from 66 per cent in 1986 to 61.4 per cent last

year. Stuetzle, a former West German undersecretary of defence, also faulted the United States for failing to negotiate on Soviet disarmament overtures.

"In the last 12 months we have witnessed a tremendous series of

initiatives by President (Mikhail) Gorbachev in the fields of arms control and reduction," he said.

"I think it's a great tragedy that with a Gorbachev in the Kremlin, there is no J.F. Kennedy in the White House," he said, quoting Kennedy's call

never to fear negotiations.

Since World War II, more than 160 regional and civil wars — defined as involving more than 1,000 battle-related deaths — have been fought, said the 530-page report.

The institute, an independent

group funded mostly by the Swedish Parliament, monitors developments in weapons trading and arms control.

Stuetzle wrote in the introduction that "1988 has seen remarkable progress towards a potentially more peaceful world."

But relations between the two superpowers may dictate whether such conflicts can be settled, Stuetzle said.

"History presents the United States and the Soviet Union with the unique opportunity to turn trends into events," he said.



Family members cry as a Panamanian lady departs for the US with her US serviceman husband and family. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviet arms policy belittled

WASHINGTON, May 17, (Reuters): Striving to blunt Mikhail Gorbachev's diplomatic offensive, the White House has expressed scepticism about Moscow's assurances it will stop selling arms to Nicaragua, calling them tactics of a "drugstore cowboy."

"We don't have any evidence that it (arms aid) has ceased and we have some evidence that it is still continuing," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said yesterday after confirming that the Kremlin had privately promised to end arms shipments to the leftist government in Managua.

President Bush and congressional leaders have agreed to end military aid to Contra rebels and rely instead on diplomacy to achieve a political settlement in Nicaragua.

While Washington has long urged the Soviet Union to show similar restraint, Fitzwater said US officials were "very leery" of its intentions in Nicaragua as well as its other recent arms proposals.

Gorbachev, who last Friday announced plans to remove 500 nuclear warheads from Eastern Europe, was "throwing out in a kind of drugstore cowboy fashion one arms control proposal after another," Fitzwater said.

The Pentagon's own labs, it said, were the focus of rising concern "that they are inefficient, ineffective, self-serving, and duplicative of industry work, and increasingly hampered in doing their jobs by being part of the government."

Defence technology

US lead is slipping

WASHINGTON, May 17, (Reuters): America's lead in defence-related technology is diminishing partly because of complex government regulations, Congress was told yesterday.

The message: high-technology firms prefer to do commercial work rather than cope with bureaucratic red tape.

A report by the congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) said other countries were increasingly linking military and commercial technology and suggested US defence research be opened to greater commercial exploitation.

The report was issued at a Senate Armed Services sub-committee hearing at the Defence Department, in a separate report, said Japan had a significant lead over the United States in some key high-technology areas.

It said Soviet defence technology increasingly approached the US level and sophisticated weapons appeared in the hands of Third World nations shortly after they were introduced into Western and Soviet arsenals.

The US defence acquisition system was slow, cumbersome and inefficient, partly because of the complex laws and regulations imposed on it, it said.

Small "leading-edge" technology firms could opt out of defence work and make much more money in the private sector without having to play by government rules, the report said.

The Pentagon's own labs, it said, were the focus of rising concern "that they are inefficient, ineffective, self-serving, and duplicative of industry work, and increasingly hampered in doing their jobs by being part of the government."

water said, using a colloquial American expression to describe a phony.

"Since military shipments can easily be delivered through third countries, in order to disguise

their true origin, the true test of Soviet intentions will be whether any Soviet declines are compensated for with increased shipments from other countries such as Cuba," he said.

Bonn bid to defuse crisis on missiles

BONN, May 17, (AP): Defence Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg headed for Washington today carrying what a leading newspaper called a new compromise plan for resolving the NATO dispute over short-range missiles.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported in a front-page article that Stoltenberg was carrying a new paper outlining exactly what Bonn wants with its demand that Washington and Moscow open negotiations to reduce the short-range rockets.

NATO plans call for production and deployment of a new short-range missile system to replace ageing Lance rockets based in Europe by 1995.

The replacements would have a range more than triple that of the Lance systems. West Germany has balked at the project partly because of its potential for upsetting East-West arms talks.

West Germans also are worried that NATO's short-range missiles, most of which are stationed in West Germany, would turn their nation into a nuclear battlefield if they were used to repulse an attack by the Warsaw Pact's superior conventional forces.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government has called for delay of a go-ahead vote on the Lance replacement project, known in NATO circles as "moderation," and has instead insisted that the superpowers open a new round of talks aimed at reducing the short-range stockpiles.

The superpowers are already engaged in negotiations to reduce strategic nuclear missiles, and the 1987 INF treaty has set out the elimination of all intermediate-range rockets.

But Washington has refused talks aimed at "the third zero," or elimination of the short-range systems, on the grounds that NATO should retain a nuclear response option as long as the Kremlin has a conventional arms advantage.

Bonn's call for short-range negotiations has broken with NATO strategy and caused a rift within the Western alliance that threatens to overshadow the NATO summit in Brussels on May 29-30.

The conservative Frankfurt-based Fax newspaper said in its report that Stoltenberg, who will meet with his American counterpart, Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, would seek "a compromise in the rocket dispute before the NATO summit in Brussels."

Transport Minister Friedrich Zimmermann was quoted by the BILD am Sonntag newspaper as accusing Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of covering up his true disarmament aims.

New talks on FSX likely

Senate defeats bid to scrap deal

WASHINGTON, May 17, (AP): The US State Department says new restrictions imposed by the Senate on President George Bush's plan to co-produce the FSX jet fighter with Japan may force the renegotiation of parts of the agreement.

The Senate yesterday voted 52-47 to defeat a bid by Democratic Sen. Alan Dixon of Illinois to scrap the FSX deal.

But it then adopted, 72-27, an amendment by Democratic Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia to tighten the conditions under which co-development and co-production of the new fighter would take place.

Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger made it known immediately before the

vote that the administration regards the new directives as unnecessary and likely to trigger new and lengthy negotiations.

The votes came after two days of debate in which Senators emotionally and angrily denounced Japan for allegedly unfair trade competition and sounded warnings that the deal could threaten US dominance of the aerospace industry by transferring vital technology to Japanese industry.

"It would be foolhardy not to be vigilant in protecting our aircraft industry and the vital technologies associated with it," Byrd said. "This nation needs to get our economic relationship with Japan on a safer and sounder track."

The amendment was opposed by the administration and Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas dubbed it a "killer amendment" that would require the reopening of negotiations with the Japanese government.

Byrd said the amendment "will not torpedo" the deal but will provide necessary protection for the United States.

Roman Popadiuk, a Bush administration spokesman, noted the White House had made the Senate aware of its objections to the Byrd amendment in advance of the vote and said there would be no further comment until its language was carefully considered.



Menem

Noriega heading for confrontation

Election nullified, opposition calls strike

PANAMA CITY, May 17, (AP): Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's government is headed for a confrontation with opposition supporters today in a nationwide post-election strike that the government already has decreed illegal.

The opposition called the one-day strike to protest the government's nullification of the May 7 presidential election and the beating of the opposition presidential and vice presidential candidates.

The government has published and broadcast warnings that the strike is illegal because it has political, not economic, motives. But it has not said what might be done to strikers.

The work stoppage coincides with the start of a special meeting of foreign ministers of the Organization of American States in Washington on the panamanian crisis.

Both the government and opposition said they were sending representatives to the Washington meeting.

The government began continuous jamming of US armed forces television at 10 pm yesterday (0300 GMT today) on the eve of the strike. Normally it only jams news programming before that hour. The jamming let only government-controlled television reach viewers.

As Panamanians braced for confrontation, the United States began evacuating military personnel, dependents and civilian armed forces employees and continued sending in troop reinforcements.

The first of a planned series of flights left yesterday from Howard Air Force Base carrying 238 people. US Air Force Maj. Joan Ferguson said some of the military personnel on the flight were ending their military tour early to make room for others moving onto the bases as a security precaution ordered by President George Bush.

Bush also had ordered 1,900 reinforcements to Panama to beef up the 10,000-person strong US force.

The opposition asked businesses to close today and people to stay in their homes until midday, when they were to emerge for protests "by any imaginable means."

The leader of the pro-Noriega "Dignity Battalions," the paramilitary group that attacked

the opposition candidates on May 10, said they were not organising for action during the strike.

The opposition wants the US-led OAS to impose sanctions that would amount to a political and diplomatic quarantine of Panama if the government refuses to recognise Guillermo Endara as President and Ricardo Arias Calderon and Guillermo Ford as vice presidents.

The opposition says exit polls and other information shows they won by a 3-1 edge. International observers also say the opposition won handily.

The government claimed its

man, Noriega business associate Carlos Duque, held a 2-1 margin when the government halted vote counting and nullified the election, citing irregularities.

Bush telephoned Endara yesterday afternoon after the opposition leader was released from a hospital where he had been recovering from the May 10 beating.

White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said Bush noted "the wave of outrage in the wake of Noriega's effort to steal the election by force and fraud."

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Dr Rasha Al Sabah

Local press aiding progress

THE Vice Rector for Social Service and Information at Kuwait University Dr Rasha Al Sabah has described the local press as having been successfully able to reflect a true image of the Kuwaiti society.

She told a local magazine that the Kuwaiti press has to a great extent been successful in mirroring public opinion, given the freedom it currently enjoys.

She described Kuwaiti woman as having shown greater ability and made illustrious achievements which deserve to be nationally lauded.

She said the Kuwaiti press had greatly contributed to guiding the national aspirations of educated youths and further encouraged the development of the national cadre to contribute actively to the national development process.

The Arab information media paid little attention to the substantial issues of women, and had yet been unable to fully portray the true picture of the Arab woman's status quo, she added.

Sabah pointed out that the success so far made by the Kuwaiti women in various areas is measured by present achievements, which are attributed to dedicated national loyalty.

Kuwait's wheat harvest overcomes all odds

THE wheat harvesting season in Kuwait will end soon. The wheat cultivation experiment seems to be successful and calls for optimism according to the Director of the Botanic Resources Department at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Jassem Al Bader.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Bader said that the Authority has been involved in this experiment without any previous experience, and despite the climatic fluctuations and the scarcity of fresh water, the authority has within a short period handled several issues in this respect successfully including the extending of the necessary technical consultations to farmers in addition to the submitting of agricultural requirements such as manure, seeds in addition to the ploughing of agricultural lands.

He clarified that the continued concern shown by Chairman and the Director General of the Authority, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah constituted a

decisive factor towards the spurring and the encouraging of the many agricultural specialists and technicians to be in touch with the farmers for extending the necessary technical assistance which may be required during the wheat cultivation process.

He confirmed that the authority will conduct a comprehensive re-evaluation process on the experiment in the wake of the harvesting season in order to determine the necessary measures that may help the farmers in the future.

Meanwhile, the daily toured the Al Abdali wheat farms and interviewed a number of farmers to find out their opinion on the success of wheat cultivation process in Al Abdali area.

Mustaf Rabea said that his farm planted about 350 hectares and the experiment was successful.

He added that the authority had provided him with six threshing machines, but said that the irrigation process at the farm was depending

mainly on spray irrigation, and could have been improved upon.

Abdul Jalil of the Agricultural Food Product's farm confirmed that each 1000 square metre were yielding about 400 kilograms of wheat, describing the experiment as successful particularly in the light of the previous experiment of the farmers in general.

He clarified that the wheat seeds submitted by the authority to the farmers had been designed to resist the salinity in the soil and was available in large quantities.

He said that it is important to continue growing wheat in order to meet a part of local requirements, noting that his company will go ahead in this respect and hoped that the support of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources will be continuous to enhance this strategic commodity.

Meanwhile, Abdul Jalil suggested cancelling the subsidies extended to tomato and cucumber growers in order to

allocate more subsidies for wheat cultivation.

He called for the using of modern agricultural equipment in the wheat cultivation, clarifying that the authority had spared no efforts to achieve this purpose, and that the authority's officials had exerted remarkable efforts towards the success of the wheat cultivation experiment in Al Abdali.

In conclusion he called for the using of organic fertilizers in the future, particularly those from well-known companies, noting that three kinds of fertilizers help preserve the moisture in the soil for longer periods and eventually reduce the salinity in the soil.

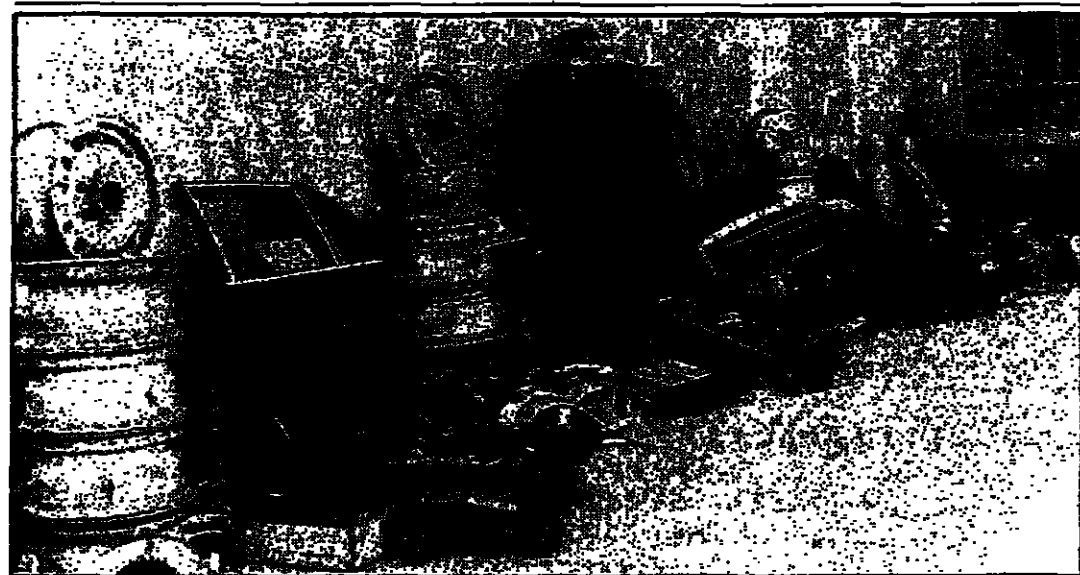
Meanwhile, the secretary of the Board at the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Amir Marafi has said that the board had recently held a series of meetings at which major agricultural policies were discussed including the role of the authority in supporting the agricultural sector.

The authority's main attention centred on supporting agricultural research, expansion of greenhouse agricultural techniques and introduction of new crops in service of the national food security strategy, such as wheat and barley, the official said.

He added that the authority also paid considerable attention to agricultural guidance, construction and maintenance of public gardens, combating pests and animal epidemics as well as quarantining sick animals to avert possible infection to man.

These services cost the government large sums of money, and that all projects so far implemented by the authority had successful results and positive effects on the development of national agriculture, whether directly or otherwise, Marafi said.

He urged all public and private establishments to actively contribute to the implementation of the noble Amiri wish to landscape and afforest the country.



Car thieves nabbed

Security personnel of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) arrested a three-member gang for allegedly stealing cars and selling their spare parts. The gang has been identified as Ahmad and Ali, both non-Kuwaitis and Waleed R, an Iraqi.

Investigations led the CID men to Ali's house where it was discovered that the premises had been equipped with tools for dismantling cars.

A search of the premises revealed a stolen car being readied for dismantling, plenty of spare parts of cars previously stolen and several licence plates. Additionally, the CID men also found pornographic films, an unlicensed gun and a forged driving licence made out in the name of the accused Ahmad.

Investigations revealed that Ahmad was helping Ali to steal the cars and take them to the workshop, while Waleed disassembled them and disposed of their parts.

Smoking problem

Family guidance essential

DR HUSSEIN MOMEN said at a symposium on the dimensions of smoking within the framework of the 5th National Nursing Week yesterday that the smoking problem resulted from the poor behaviour of students at certain schools and during different educational stages.

He said that the problem was only solvable through increasing family attention and raising children's awareness to protect them against slipping into bad ways and developing bad habits.

He stressed the need for further involvement by the information media in raising public awareness through specially-prepared programmes denoting the various diseases for which smoking is responsible, mainly heart problems and cancer.

He further stressed the importance of family attention to children, particularly during their teens mostly to fend off the unfavourable influence of bad company and to help them cope with various other social problems.

He pointed out that children must be guided into commitment to strict religious patterns which help them reform and mend their ways.

Meanwhile the controller of Scouts, camps and youth hostels at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Sulaiman Yousef Al Ashwak announced that the 39th youth work camp will open on Aug 29.

Speaking to Al Seyassah, he said that the camps serve as youth centres where they receive training according to pre-scheduled plans and programmes designed to utilise their leisure time in useful activities. The ministry seeks to protect youths from succumbing to wasteful patterns of modern life, he added.

He also said that the training programmes being set for implementation within the framework of these camps emphasise the various recreational, sporting, social and psychological activities.

Ashwak paid high tribute to the support and attention rendered to youth activities by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. The programme aims to prepare youths to shoulder their national responsibility and actively contribute to the national development process.

University to open three new sections

DR MUSTAFA MARAFI, dean of admission and registration at Kuwait University has said that the dean's committee approved the opening of three new departments at the university as of the beginning of the 1989 academic year.

These are: petroleum engineering, information and press, and statistics and research.

The Admission and Registration Office recommended admitting 3,000 students of different majors during this academic year. Applicants will be received for a week from June 14. About 2,500 students are expected to graduate during the present session and the summer session.

Marafi pointed out that the office has recommended to go slowly in carrying out projects to use computers for registration to avoid repetition of mistakes as occurred last September. These problems were due to the bad time selected for registration the official said and added that the office began carrying out a system of student information which gave good results during the last two years and helped in reducing the time to process graduation papers to within three weeks from the date of last exam. Any student can get any document or certificate in Arabic and English within a few minutes through this system.

Previously, students had to wait for two weeks. The system



Dr Mustapha Marafi

also helps to hasten the graduation of students. The dean's committee also approved the admission of students in the first week of July while the first week of July will be the beginning of August previously. Completion of the summer session work at all departments of the university will be completed and admission and registration of new courses next academic year, Marafi said.

The summer session will begin June 3rd. The student can register in seven credit hours, but will be allowed to register only in 4 credit hours if he is listed on the warning list. Students who get more than a B grade or can graduate during the summer session will be allowed to register in 9 credit hours. The Kuwaiti summer session will begin the summer session at the University.

Results Tuesday

Only one exam cheat in Jahra

DIRECTOR of Jahra Educational Area, Sulaiman Al Kouh has said that preliminary results of exams of the transitional classes of intermediate and secondary stages have been encouraging.

Results of the final exams will be announced next Tuesday to provide the correction committees with more time to evaluate and record grades diligently, Kouh said. He added that Jahra Educational Area appointed one of its officials to supervise the final exams at every school and the official visited all schools of the area during the exams.

Punishments

The area succeeded drastically curbing cheating among students through stipulating deterrent punishments against students found cheating or those who help them in cheating. Only one student was caught cheating and he was punished the official said.

Kouh pointed out that the area will begin preparing the exam halls on Saturday for receiving students of the Secondary School Certificate who will perform the final exams of SCC shortly. He warned students to desist from cheating saying: "Any student caught cheating will be compelled to repeat the academic year."

Education Minister Ahmad Al Nouri Monday presided over a meeting of heads and supervisors of the high school certificate examinations. Directors of the examinations were also present. The meeting was attended by the director of the examinations, Nouri, and his assistants as well as directors of the five educational districts.

Al Khodari said the meeting was in the framework of preparations of heads of the supervising committees of the high school certificate final examinations.

He added that Nouri gave instructions to the heads of the committees to take all necessary arrangements that would provide and ensure a better atmosphere for the examination students.

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School festival opens

THE first Gulf schools' Festival opened in Bahrain, on Monday with a number of educational and cultural events held simultaneously at the Indian School at Isa Town and at the Holiday Inn.

Dr Ali Fakhr, minister of education, who opened the four-day festival, congratulated the organisers for introducing a new concept in bringing together under one roof students from schools representing all the Gulf countries.

He described the event as an educational and cultural demonstration, and a triumph for humanities, art, literature and philosophy. The minister called upon the organisers — United Schools International's Arab regional office in Bahrain and the Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture to make the festival an annual event.

According to Rashid Sulaybi, the commission's secretary-general, the festival is aimed at helping students from all over the Gulf to experience the oneness of humanity despite differences of colour, creed, and nationality.

Jiya Lal Jain, USI secretary-general, stressed that the festival will hopefully provide the opportunity to appreciate and share one another's talents and progress side by side.

The festival's programme comprises competitions, dances, speeches, painting and one-act plays at the Indian School auditorium. A total of 77 pupils and 23 teachers representing eight schools in the Gulf are participating in the festival. A number of top educationists and diplomats have been invited to speak at the event.

The festival was originally scheduled to have taken place in March this year, but had to be postponed to give more time to participants to register for this prestigious gathering.

According to Jiya Lal Jain, the first Gulf Schools' Festival is being held on an experimental basis to assess the potential response from all concerned towards the event.

Considering the capacity crowd attending the festival on the opening day, it looks like heading towards a great success, said Jain.

The leading officials attending the event include Sheikh Isa Bin Rashid Al Khalifa, president of the General Organisation for Youth and Sport and the Indian Ambassador, M.P.M. Menon.

Oil reserves vital

Gulf important to US, Japan

TOKYO, May 17, (KUNA): Though it is widely believed that the Arabian Gulf is the key to peace and war in the future, the people of the region are willing to see their region as the key to peace only. Kuwait ambassador here Abdel Aziz Al Sharikh said.

Sharikh made the statement in the context of a lecture he delivered today within a programme organised by the Tokyo-based US Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the presence of a large number of US and Japanese businessmen and experts.

The Kuwaiti diplomat, in a comprehensive address, presented a Gulf view of the "Triangle of relations: the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), the US and Japan."

Stressing the strategic importance of such relations, he pointed out the significance of GCC oil reserve which is equal to 50 per cent of the world's oil reserve, and the GCC reserve of natural gas which stands at 20 per cent of that of the world.

During this current decade, Sharikh said, Japan imported 60 per cent of its oil needs from GCC states, noting that no oil producer will be able to terminate dependence of Japanese economy on Gulf oil, let alone the strategic importance of the Gulf oil to the US and its European allies.

The geo-political importance of the Gulf region was greatly demonstrated through the implicit Soviet-US co-operation to safeguard Gulf waterways during the last two years, he said.

The Kuwaiti ambassador highlighted that the drop in oil prices did not halt the development strategy in the Gulf states, citing the example of

Kuwait's approximately 1.5 billion US dollar contract signed with Mitsubishi to construct the Sabia electricity plant.

The GCC states' financial and investment weight has been highly assessed by US and Japanese business and finance circles, Sharikh said, urging the US and Japan to increase their investments in the GCC states where adequate and appropriate opportunities are available.

The diplomat said that the US and Japan have to be aware of the fact that Gulf stability and security are dialectically associated with a lasting and just settlement to the Palestinian question.

Such a settlement, he elaborated, requires serious and clearly a fair and balanced stand by the US.

The Arabs, who appreciate Tokyo's attitude in connection with the Palestinian question, believe that Japan has to adopt a more dynamic approach that gives further impetus to its stands in this regard. It is natural that Washington and Tokyo respect the GCC states' policy of conscious neutrality, non-alignment and non-involvement in international conflicts, said Sharikh who urged the US and Japan to understand the Gulf states' determination to develop and diversify their economies.

The Gulf states, Sharikh underlined, are quite aware that a secure and prosperous future for their peoples and generations to come cannot be guaranteed through full depletion of oil and purchase of manufactured commodities with its revenues.

This can be secured only by means of balanced, overall development and through diversification of income resources, he said.

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Democracy — a luxury in Africa

By Colleen Lowe Morna

ACCRA, Ghana: The West African nation of Ghana recently completed a round of elections that said much about the difficulty of transplanting Western concepts of democracy on this continent.

Judged by those concepts, the district assembly elections were a "nonsensical exercise," says a Western diplomat in Accra. The elections, which ended in late February, were staggered over three months, were contested by people without party affiliation, and will send winners to a national assembly by means not yet spelled out.

But many Africans argue that a combination of culture, strong regional loyalties, and the imperatives of development make Western-style democracy and political pluralism a luxury they can't afford.

Ghana's election highlights a number of these issues, which are pushing a growing number of African countries toward single-party, centralised rule.

One-third of the National Assembly will be filled by government appointees — an arrangement officials say is necessary to ensure sufficient expertise in the body, given the country's high rate of illiteracy.

And, Ghanaian officials justify the non-partisan nature of the local elections as in the country's best interests.

"The party system in Ghana in the past polarized the country to an extent where it was difficult to find any kind of consensus," said secretary for local government Kwamina Ahiwei.

Critics say such are the classic arguments put forward by African leaders to justify their autocracy.

"Organised political groups are the paranoia of any politician," says a Ghanaian opposition figure who has been detained several times. "Who is taking the decision that parties are not working? Those who want to stay in power, of course."

In former colonies such as Mozambique and Angola, the strongest parties in the struggle for freedom assumed power at independence and are still in place.

Most countries where the transition to independence proved more peaceful initially adopted Westminster-style multiparty systems. But these soon fell to military juntas, as in the case of Ghana and Togo, or converted to one-party systems, as in the case of Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, and Kenya, to name a few.

Several efforts have been made by military governments to hand over to civilians following elections. Nigeria's military government, led by Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Babangida, says it will hand over to a civilian two-party system in 1992.

However, an almost universal feature of previous efforts by the military to make way for civilians — in Nigeria and elsewhere on the continent — is that the succeeding governments have been short-lived. Of more lasting impact are the efforts — such as in Ethiopia and Zaire — by long-entrenched military juntas to create their own single political parties.

About half a dozen African countries claim to have multiparty systems, though some of these claims are arguable at best. In Zimbabwe, the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union and the opposition Zimbabwe African People's Union signed a merger agreement last year leaving, in effect, only one opposition member of parliament.

President Robert Mugabe has indicated that the British-rokered constitution that ushered in Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 is up for review next year, at which time the de facto one-party system in Zimbabwe is enshrined in law.

Ghanaian leader Fli Ltut Jerry Rawlings remains vehemently opposed to a multiparty system.

"Party politics has tended to be a competition, on the one hand to stay in power and on the other hand to oust the ruling party and get into power," Lieutenant Rawlings said in a recent interview. "So much time and money, not to mention acrimony, has been spent on this, instead of being channelled toward positive development."

Candidates in the recent district elections had to subscribe to the broad policies espoused by the military "provisional national defence council," but stood on their own individual platforms.

The Ghanaian opposition source criticizes this approach as an element of authoritarian paternalism in the attitude of those who argue that they have determined the political course for everyone.

If put to the test of a national referendum, as was done in Algeria earlier this year, African elites would be surprised at the public opinion in favour of the multiparty system, this source argues.

Willie Musarurwa, a former editor of Zimbabwe's widest circulation newspaper, the Sunday Mail, and a respected commentator on African political affairs, agrees. But Musarurwa says that political pragmatism rather than his gut feelings convince him that the one-party state is the only way to go. In both Zimbabwe's indigenous Shona and Ndebele languages, he points out, the words "opponent" and "enemy" are synonymous, and "the idea of a 'loyal opposition' is quite alien."

African political parties, such as ZANU, which has its power base among the Shona, and ZAPU, which had its power base among the minority Ndebele, tend to be formed along regional and ethnic lines, Musarurwa adds.

These factors, the political analyst contends, combine to make "violence an inevitable component of most multiparty systems in Africa."

The few countries in which the multiparty system has worked, such as Botswana, are characterised by a high degree of tolerance particular to that culture, Musarurwa observes. In addition, "the opposition parties are so small as to render them a nuisance value, rather than a real threat to the status quo."

For most African countries, according to Musarurwa, it boils down to a simple choice between "the anarchy and violence of the multiparty system" or "the peace with the possibility of dictatorship" offered by the single party system.

In Zimbabwe, for example, soon after the announcement of the merger between the two main parties, attacks in the southwest ZAPU stronghold of Matabeleland "miraculously vanished," he notes.

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1643 — Anne of Austria, queen mother, is invested with supreme powers in France.
- 1736 — English witchcraft statutes are repealed; Russia, with support from Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI, attacks Turkey to regain Azov.
- 1804 — Napoleon Bonaparte is proclaimed emperor of France.
- 1815 — Treaty of peace is concluded by Prussia, Russia and Austria with king of Saxony.
- 1899 — International peace conference is convened at the Hague in the Netherlands.
- 1917 — Prince Lvov reforms his cabinet in Russia to include socialists.
- 1944 — Monte Cassino monastery in Italy is taken from Germans after bitter fighting in World War II.
- 1954 — European convention of human rights goes into effect.
- 1967 — United Nations agrees to Egyptian demand to withdraw UN forces from Gaza Strip.
- 1970 — Communist forces thrust to within 25 miles (40 kms) of Cambodia's capital of Phnom Penh.
- 1972 — Four bomb-disposal experts parachute into Atlantic from Royal Air Force plane and board liner Queen Elizabeth II after bomb threat for ransom.
- 1976 — Libya's attempt to mediate Lebanon's civil war fails.
- 1988 — Cheering crowds greet first group of about 1,300 Soviet soldiers to cross border in withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Ideology-based confrontation instead of co-operation

Gorbachev leads revolution in foreign policy

By Peter Conrad

KREMLIN leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who met China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping on Tuesday, has revolutionised Soviet foreign policy with a series of bold initiatives but face a rougher ride with domestic reform.

Since taking power in March 1985 at the age of 54, the youngest Soviet leader since Josef Stalin has wooed world public opinion with a brand of "new thinking" that had little in common with the hard line of his predecessors.

Rejecting ideology-based confrontation in favour of co-operation, Gorbachev concentrated much of his early efforts on relations with Washington, helping to drag superpower relations up from the cold war lows of the early 1980s.

But the eyes of the Kremlin leader have also long been turned towards the east, and, by travelling to China for the first Sino-Soviet summit in 30 years, he has put a formal end to decades of enmity between the two communist giants.

A peasant's son from southern Russia with a Moscow university degree in law, the stocky and balding Gorbachev has often portrayed his policies as revolutionary and as an attempt to make up ground lost under Stalin and Brezhnev.

As the scale of his ambitions became clear, so did the extent of resistance from the vast party and government bureaucracy. He has pressed on regardless, often appearing to appeal over the heads of the bureaucrats to the people.

Gorbachev has forced a major reshuffle in top political posts which resulted in the replacement of more than half the government's ministers and a large number of the powerful republican and regional Communist Party first secretaries.

He process reached a climax this April with a bloodless purge of the party's policy-making central committee in which 110 leading communists, many elderly conservatives, were sent packing.

Although making clear his unwillingness to weaken either his own or the party's iron grip on power, Gorbachev has also attempted to inject a large dose of democracy into the country's authoritarian one-party system.

The process culminates on May 25 with the inaugural session of a new legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, after the first contested parliamentary elections in more than 70 years of Soviet history.

Gorbachev's fresh approach soon brought results in foreign policy, where he has worked together with Eduard Shevardnadze, a fellow "new thinker" whom he named in July 1985 to replace veteran Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

With US-Soviet ties at their lowest level for decades, Gorbachev moved towards accommodation with US President Ronald Reagan and helped turn summits between the two leaders back into regular events.

The new policy bore fruit in December 1987, when the two leaders agreed in Washington to eliminate superpower intermediate-range nuclear forces. The treaty took effect at the Moscow summit of May-June 1988.

The Soviet Union also agreed to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan, ending a lengthy military engagement which had brought the Kremlin widespread international condemnation and been a drain on its economy and on society.

The withdrawal, completed on February 15 this year, brought a dramatic improvement in the Soviet Union's image, particularly in the Third World.

Together with cuts in Soviet troops along the Sino-Soviet border and



Mikhail Gorbachev and Deng Xiaoping in Beijing. (Reuter wirephoto)

a pledge by Vietnam, with Soviet backing, to withdraw from Cambodia, it also removed what had been a major stumbling block to normalisation of relations with China.

Despite his successful pushing through of political reform, Gorbachev's domestic records has been more patchy, particularly in the economy, where he has faced an uphill struggle to loosen the dead hand of decades of central planning.

The liberalisation of the political climate also allowed an eruption of long-standing grievances among many of the country's 100 or so various national groups which the Kremlin has appeared unable to control.

In the most dramatic example, more than 90 Armenians and Azerbaijanis died in ethnic clashes over the disputed Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh last year. Violence broke out again in the enclave in recent weeks.

The killing by troops of 20 demonstrators at a peaceful nationalist rally in the nearby Georgian capital of Tbilisi on April 9 this year also

appeared to deal a serious blow to the Kremlin leadership. Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev was born on March 2, 1931, in the northern Caucasus village of Privolnoye, near Stavropol. He took his law degree at Moscow University before returning to work at Stavropol, a major agricultural region.

Party chief in Stavropol at the age of 30, he was summoned to Moscow in 1978 to take charge of agricultural production. In 1979 was made a non-voting member of the Politburo. His early grain harvests in the early 1980s did not affect his career.

Western officials who have met Gorbachev describe him as a highly intelligent man with an open mind who displays a charm and ease of manner rare among past Soviet leaders.

His wife Raisa, with whom he studied at Moscow University, has attracted attention in the West with an elegant and self-assured rarely displayed by previous Soviet "first ladies." (Reuter-Moscow)

Afghan government holds on

Najibullah proves tough foe

By Nassir Shirkani

WHEN the last Soviet soldier headed home from Afghanistan three months ago, mujahedeen rebels and their Western allies rubbed their hands and predicted a swift march to power in Kabul for the guerrillas.

"The Afghan government is like a building without pillars. Most diplomats in Kabul say it could fall any time between now and July," said Charge d'Affaires Jon Glassman as he removed the Stars and Stripes from the US embassy.

He then bade farewell to the chill Afghan capital before the final Soviet pullout on February 15. The entire Western diplomatic corps packed up and followed him, citing security reasons in a city which they thought would soon become the mujahedeen capital.

But the pro-Soviet government of President Najibullah has proved a tough foe ready to fight to the bitter end and shows no sign of falling.

For the Muslim guerrillas, victory has been elusive. They have found obstacles on the road to Kabul even without the Soviet troops who had helped prop up the government since 1979.

They set up a rival government and launched an offensive against the eastern city of Jalalabad in the hope of capturing it as a provisional capital within a short time of the Soviet pullout.

They took heart from initial gains but government troops, relying on air power, beat

off the onslaught. The rebels flustered by changing from guerrilla warfare to a conventional frontal attack without arranging for a unified command to direct their operations.

Kabul, the key to power, has itself been quiet despite the predictions of a security breakdown and the occasional rocket attacks from surrounding mountains providing sanctuary to the rebels. The rockets have failed to disrupt life and people pay them scant attention.

Few troops patrol the teeming streets of a capital whose largely Persian-speaking population is wary of the prospect of living under a government of predominantly Pashtun mujahedeen.

Religious and linguistic differences have sapped whatever appetite there might have been for an uprising in support of the rebels. The most ardent opponents of the government have either left or simply been silenced.

Most residents cherish the idea of peace after 10 years of war which has claimed more than one million casualties and sent up to five million people to seek refuge in neighbouring Pakistan and Iran.

Najibullah has exploited the war weariness, offering to share power with the mujahedeen and even pledging to step down if it brought peace to Afghanistan.

The offer was rejected by the mujahedeen, who hold his People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) responsible for all the

misery of the war but it seems to appeal to the man-in-the-street.

"Now that blasphemy has left our country, the Afghans should sit down and find a solution," said a Kabul resident, referring to the Soviet forces.

Almost all Afghans, including some officials, resented the Soviet presence. But that element of unity in dislike has now disappeared and differences have come to the fore.

"I hope the war near Jalalabad will continue for the next 10 years because it only affects Sunnis who have suppressed us all along," said a Shiite Muslim Hazara.

The Hazaras support the Persian-speaking Tajiks in seeking to break the traditional hold of the Pashtuns on power.

The PDPA has itself suffered from ethnic and linguistic problems, with the moderate Parchami and Khalq fighting for supremacy.

The two factions have buried their differences and closed ranks behind Parchami Najibullah in the face of the rebel threat. To ensure loyalty from the Army, the government picked ideologically-committed troops to defend Jalalabad and Kabul.

The Army says it has emerged stronger since the Soviet withdrawal and senses no real threat from the mujahedeen.

"We used to rely on Soviet troops. Now we have no choice but to stand on our feet and fight to the end to avoid defeat," said General Ulum, chief of the National Defence Council. (Reuter-Kabul)

Palestine priority at Arab summit

By Zina Hemady

THE Palestinian issue is likely to dominate any efforts to ease the Lebanese crisis at an Arab League summit due to open in Casablanca next week.

Political sources and analysts do not expect Arab leaders to adopt any major resolutions on Lebanon, despite fears that fresh fighting across the Christian-Muslim divide could erupt at any moment.

"The most prominent issue in the Middle East now is the Palestinian cause and not Lebanon," one independent analyst commented on Tuesday.

A precarious truce remains in place in Lebanon after more than 350 people died during eight weeks of artillery bombardments, the worst in 14 years of civil war.

"The strongest step the summit is likely to take is a call for an end to violence and support for Arab efforts seeking to resolve Lebanon's political crisis," a pro-Syrian politician said.

The Arab League appointed a committee early this year under Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah to try and end the 10-month-old constitutional crisis that has left Lebanon with two governments, a deadlocked parliament and a divided army.

Power

The latest fighting broke out in mid-March when Christian army commander Michel Aoun, who heads an interim military administration, sought to extend his power beyond the Christian enclave.

The crisis intensified when Major-General Aoun vowed to drive the 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon from the country and launched venomous attacks on Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

He is opposed by a mainly-Muslim cabinet led by acting prime minister Selim Hoss and backed by Syria. Damascus has bitterly condemned Aoun, who has in turn received backing from Syria's arch Arab foe Iraq.

"These are fears that the Middle East conflict may be resolved at Lebanon's expense, with Syria and Israel remaining in the areas they control and the partition of the rest into religious cantons," the independent analyst said.

"Who is going to speak for Lebanon at the summit? Is it Iraq or Syria? They're both fighting their war in Lebanon and neither is interested in bringing peace to the country," he added.

Besides the Syrian forces, Israel has about 1,000 troops in a 15-km (nine-mile) wide border strip it maintains as a self-declared security zone along its northern border in south Lebanon.

The Arab League has not yet issued an invitation to Lebanon to attend the summit, apparently fearing both the Christian and Muslim administrations would choose to attend and formalise Lebanon's partition into confessional mini-states.

Both Aoun and Hoss have hinted they would attend if Lebanon is invited.

Initiative

The League launched its boldest initiative on Lebanon in a decade when it brokered the current ceasefire after setting up the special committee to end the political impasse.

Political analysts said the summit might speed up the deployment of a 320-man ceasefire monitoring team.

Syria and other Arab states originally went into Lebanon in 1976 as an Arab deterrent force in an unsuccessful bid to halt the civil war. Syria remained when the other nations withdrew and is now the main foreign power broker there.

Political analysts said Damascus opposed any other Arab or international intervention in Lebanon, which it looks on as a major bargaining card in an overall Middle East settlement.

The Christian placed little faith in the summit, especially after an Arab foreign ministers' meeting in April failed to touch on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, he added.

A Christian government source said: "If Lebanon becomes the victim of Arab reconciliations, we will resort to international bodies. The Arabs will not ask Syria to withdraw. We consider the summit to be a step before internationalising the Lebanese conflict."

Aoun has sought a UN security council debate over Lebanon to condemn Syria and call for its withdrawal.

But analysts doubted whether the United States or the Soviet Union, a close ally of Syria, would put pressure on Damascus as a major player in any Middle East peace conference.

"Aoun launched his attack against Syria too early. The Arabs and the West are now preoccupied with the Middle East conflict. Lebanon's crisis comes in second place," the independent analyst commented.

Homeopathic medicine

SIR: I am a regular reader of various medical journals and especially the medical coverage in the pages of the Arab Times. I read very carefully about the researches going on regarding AIDS, malignant, non-malignant tumours, arthritis, diabetes, asthma, congenital diseases, various heart problems, tuberculosis, etc.

I am surprised to read about the successes and again contradictions and also about the severe side-effects of various allopathic drugs, antibiotics and pain-killers.

It is really amazing that big medical organisation and particularly WHO have begun inter-disciplinary researches, and co-ordination on a large scale with the homeopathic system of medicine which is now widely accepted in the USA, UK, Europe and in most Asian countries.

I hope your newspaper will highlight this matter in the near future.

Syed Mohd Arif, Safat.

Super performance

SIR: The recent play "Bin Baati Ke Deep" proved, for the second time, what a superb performer Dr Rakesh Asthana is — and a brilliant director on top! He was supported in this



venture by an equally talented team of players. Our congratulations to all! Mrs Asha Verma.

High-priced tickets

SIR: How can the organisers of 'Juke Box 5' justify such high prices for tickets (KD5.6, & 7) when the Harlem Globetrotters, an international acclaimed group is charging KD 3.5, & 7 for their show?

I have enjoyed all the previous Juke Box presentations but will have to give it a miss this year. Really, KD7 is a bit much for what is, after all, an amateur show.

Violet Pereira

'Dialogue not gun'

Voice of moderation silenced

BEIRUT, May 17, (AP): The assassination yesterday of Grand Mufti Hassan Khaled, spiritual head of Lebanon's Sunni Muslim sect, silenced one of the few remaining voices of moderation after 14 years of civil war.

A spellbinding orator whose eloquence entranced many huge audiences, Sheikh Khaled was an unbending champion of "dialogue, not the gun," to re-establish peaceful co-existence between Muslims and Christians.

During his 23-year reign as grand mufti of the Lebanese republic, the nation's highest Muslim religious post, Khaled coaxed the 900,000, economically powerful Sunnis to shun any military role in the civil war.

When the only Sunni militia — the Mourabitoun (ambushers) — was disbanded in 1985, Khaled used the powers of his office to block the emergence of any other Sunni paramilitary faction.

Khaled was born in 1921 to a middle class Beirut family. He finished his high school education at Beirut's College of Islamic Theology and graduated in 1946 from Al Azhar University in Cairo, the world's most prestigious Islamic institute.

Khaled started his career as a teacher of logic at the College of Islamic Theology in Beirut. In 1957 he was appointed as a sharia (Islamic law) judge in Lebanon's northern province of Akkar and was transferred later to a similar post in the central Lebanon.

On December 1966, he was elected mufti of Lebanon, a position of "republic" the highest Muslim clerical post that carries the religious title of grand mufti.

Khaled also headed the Islamic Bloc, a coalition of senior Sunni politicians, including prime ministers and Parliament members.

Khaled was awarded an honorary doctorate from Al Azhar University and the Chinese Gen-Ge University in 1967.

He was a member of many Islamic institutes, such as the Muslim World League in Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Research Council in Egypt, the Quds (Jerusalem) Salvation Council, and the Islamic Charity Group in Kuwait.

Khaled wrote seven books: Islam and the Material Guarantees in Society, the Islamic Laws Regarding Civil Status, The Birth of Islamic Laws, The Martyr in Islam, Opinions and Positions, The Direction of the Islamic Call in Lebanon and The Muslims in Lebanon During the Civil War.

According to police, Khaled was killed when a car rigged with 330 pounds (150 kilograms) of TNT was detonated by remote control at 1 pm (1000 GMT) yesterday. He was being driven through West Beirut's Aishe Bakkar district from his office to his home for lunch.

Twenty-one other people, including his brother-in-law and four police bodyguards, were also killed in the blast, and 75 wounded, police said.

Khaled is survived by his wife, six sons and three daughters. He escaped a previous assassination attempt when a car bomb exploded Sept 5, 1984 as he prepared to drive the Sunni Prime Minister Salim Hoss for prayers to mark the Eid Al Adha.

Hoss suffered minor scratches, but the 68-year-old cleric was not injured.

Khaled's death made him the



Sheikh Khaled: co-existence

Arab states condemn

A loss to Muslim world

NICOSIA, May 17, (Reuters): Arab leaders condemned the killing of Lebanon's Sunni Muslim leader yesterday as a "wicked crime" and a loss to the Muslim world.

In Saudi Arabia, a royal statement said the "assassination" of Sheikh Hassan Khaled was a great loss for the Muslim nation. It praised him for his moderation and efforts to unite Lebanon.

Syria's official SANA news agency said mercenaries killed Sheikh Hassan as part of what it termed Lebanese Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun's campaign to kill Lebanon's national symbols.

Jordan's King Hussein sent condolences to Lebanon's Muslim acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, voicing deep sorrow at a killing by what he called "evil hands."

Iran blamed Lebanese right wingers, Tehran Radio reported. It quoted a Foreign Ministry statement as saying the bomb was exploded by those "who try to make the situation in Lebanon critical to achieve their ominous aim of partitioning it."

The United States voiced outrage yesterday over the car-bomb killing of Sheikh Hassan. "We are revolted by the cold-blooded killing of Sheikh Hassan Khaled, the grand mufti of Lebanon, by a car bomb in Beirut," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said at a news briefing.

"This terrorist act could only have been aimed at spreading confusion and hatred, and we condemn it in the strongest terms," Boucher said.

fourth Sunni figure to be assassinated in three years.

Sheikh Subhi Saleh, 60, a ranking Sunni cleric and staunch advocate of Muslim-Christian co-existence, was gunned down at West Beirut's Sakiet Al Janzir neighbourhood on Oct 7, 1986.

by masked assassins riding a motorbike.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami, 64, was killed in June 1987, in a mid-air bomb explosion aboard an Army helicopter that was flying from north Lebanon to Beirut.

as he has for the past 10 years, Dratch said.

But assistant US attorney Mark Olinsky sent the case to the jury saying the alleged plot was motivated by greed.

Yun contacted the agent June 27 when he saw an advertisement for CIC international in a trade magazine. Yun called the number looking for legal 105mm and 106mm ammunition and was put in touch with the agent, Richard Kennan.

Iran smuggled explosives

NICOSIA, May 17, (Reuters): Ayatollah Khomeini's son confirmed in a letter published yesterday that Iranians smuggled explosives into Saudi Arabia in 1986.

Ahmed Khomeini said he had written the letter in Ettelaat newspaper to help explain in his father's sacking in March of Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, who had been designated to succeed Khomeini as supreme leader.

The letter referred to an incident three years ago in which Saudi Arabia charged that Iranian Revolutionary Guards planned bombings to destabilise the kingdom and disrupt the haj.

Ahmed quoted passages from a letter dated Oct 9, 1986, in which Montazeri discussed

"the matter of explosives in Saudi Arabia" with Khomeini.

"Now those in the (Revolutionary Guards) corps who have made this wrong move and disgraced us in the haj season cannot be prosecuted," Montazeri said, complaining that innocent people, including associates of his, had been put on trial.

Ahmad, his father's chief aide, said in his letter that the right people had been tried for the smuggling and added:

"Secondly, is there any way for revolutionary actions other than that was done in Makkah?"

"Of course this kind of activity is

sometimes done without a hitch and sometimes discovered. This does not mean that I agree with such things, but this is generally how they go."

Saudi Arabian television showed confessions by Iranian pilgrims to the 1986 haj who said they tried to smuggle in plastic explosives. Tehran denied the charge at the time.

Saudi Arabia broke diplomatic relations with Iran in April 1988 after riots which broke out at the 1987 haj in Makkah. About 400 people, most of them Iranians, were killed.

The two countries renewed verbal attacks this week after several months of calm.

Talks on checking anti-Islam trends

JEDDAH, May 17, (KUNA): Islamic affairs and awqaf (endowments) ministers of Islamic countries begin here today their fourth conference under the auspices of King Fahd, to boost co-operation among the Muslim countries.

The conference will consider means of consolidating Islamic da'awa (propagation) and confronting anti-Islam trends.

Saudi Minister of Awqaf and Pilgrimage Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie expressed hope that the conference would contribute to co-ordinating Islamic efforts aimed at achieving their aspired goals.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted him as saying the previous three conferences were constructive and positive.

He stressed the importance of Islamic solidarity in confronting the conspiracies of the enemies of Islam, saying King Fahd regarded solidarity as the sole means to maintain the integrity of the Islamic nation.

Regarding Iran's boycott of the conference, Abdul Wasie said only last Saturday Iran had informed the kingdom of its boycott through Dubai.

Referring to the quota of pilgrimage, he reiterated that it was not a Saudi decision but an Islamic one adopted by all the Islamic countries in Amman's summit. He explained that the decision was linked to the expansion of the new utilities at the holy shrines.

Abdul Wasie added that the decision, opposed only by Iran, was meant to organise performance of pilgrimage and to maintain security of the pilgrims.

Pakistan's Minister for Religious Affairs Khan Bahadur Khan, who is attending the conference in Makkah, will pay a one-day visit to Kuwait on May 19.

Iraq denies it set conditions

BAGHDAD, May 17, (KUNA): Iraqi newspapers today denied that Baghdad had set conditions for peace with Iran, charging it was Tehran, to blame for the deadlock in the Geneva peace negotiations.

The daily Althawra, organ of the ruling Baath party, said Iraq had shown since the August 20 ceasefire that it is seeking genuine peace with Iran based on UN Security Council Resolution 598.



Schnitzler (left) and Strueb at a news conference in Sidon last week. (Reuters wirephoto)

Germans in captivity

Fate remains unknown

SIDON, Lebanon, May 17, (UPI): One of the three West German relief workers kidnapped by masked gunmen was quickly released, but the fate of the remaining captives was unknown today, militia officials and a witness said.

Petra Schnitzler, 26, told a news conference about three hours after her release yesterday that she and two colleagues from the Asme-Humanitas relief organisation were driving in a two-car convoy when masked gunmen cut them off near the southern part of Sidon, 24 miles (38 km) south of Beirut.

Three men with automatic weapons jumped from one of two cars that intercepted the convoy and forced Schnitzler into the trunk of a Mercedes while her colleagues, Heinrich Strueb and a relief worker identified only as Thomas, were put in the car's back seat.

Schnitzler said militiamen from a small fundamentalist organisation, called the Islamic Group, freed her after the gunmen switched cars with their hostages.

"I do not accuse any faction of carrying out the kidnapping," said Schnitzler, whose clothes were stained with dirt. "I will call the headquarters of my organisation in Germany and tell them what happened."

Schnitzler, who also was kidnapped May 4 with Strueb and another West German relief worker, Markus Quint, said she does not want to leave Lebanon despite the kidnappings.

Schnitzler and Strueb were released six hours after the first kidnapping, and Quint was held for 10 days. He was released on Sunday.

Officials from the Nasserite People's Liberation Army, a Sunni Muslim militia group that

controls Sidon, had earlier said four West German workers were kidnapped yesterday while driving to the Shiite district of Zaharani south of the city where Asme maintains its headquarters.

The militia officials said said Quint was among those kidnapped yesterday, but Schnitzler told reporters he was not with the group taken in the most recent incident.

Shiite Amal militia chief Nabih Berri, who helped arrange Quint's release, had said on Sunday there should be no further kidnappings in southern Lebanon, adding, "I urge the German authorities not to withdraw their citizens from the country or southern Lebanon."

● In Penarth, Wales the stepdaughter of a Briton who disappeared in Beirut last week appealed today for his captors to release 75-year-old Jack Mann.

2nd anniversary of Stark attack marked

MANAMA, May 17, (AP): Two years after the Iraqi attack on the USS Stark, the United States is patrolling a Gulf beleaguered by peace, but its demand that Iraq pay millions of dollars in compensation for the damaged ship and its victims has yet to be resolved.

A wreath will be dropped in Gulf waters and a small memorial service will be held in Manama today to mark the second anniversary of the attack on the American frigate in which 37 sailors were killed.

The missile strike by an Iraqi fighter jet helped spur a Western naval buildup to protect commercial

vessels caught in the Gulf's "tanker war," a spinoff of the Iran-Iraq war.

A ceasefire Aug 20 halted the eight-year conflict and brought instant calm to the region. Most warships sent by five European countries have left, and the US Middle East force, permanently based in the Gulf, has been sharply pared in size.

Ten American warships currently "maintain a presence, show the flag and monitor US-flagged shipping" in the Gulf, a Navy spokesman said. A 9-ship carrier task group remains nearby in the Arabian Sea. The American force is now about one-third of its peak strength in late 1987.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Ottoman archives

TURKEY threw open the doors to centuries of Ottoman archives yesterday in an attempt to show a more open face to the judgement of history.

Foreign academics said new regulations opening up the records were a major step towards settling Armenian claims that they were the victims of Ottoman genocide in eastern Turkey during the First World War. Picture shows an old researcher works in the Ottoman archives in Istanbul. (Reuters wirephoto)

Milants arrested

CAIRO, May 17, (Reuters): Egypt, cracking down on religious militants, has arrested 33 suspected members of the outlawed Jihad organisation, security sources said today.

They said the arrests took place last night after police clashed with stone-throwing fundamentalists at a mosque in Cairo's Imbaba suburb. One officer was slightly injured but no charges had been laid, the sources said.

Hijacker wrestled

OTTAWA, May 17, (AP): Charles Yacoub, charged in the hijacking of a bus from Montreal to parliament hill, preached a political sermon to reporters yesterday and had to be wrestled from the courtroom by security guards.

The 32-year-old Lebanese-born jeweller had been scheduled to have a bail hearing, but his appearance was cut short by a procedural snag that led crown and defence lawyers to seek a postponement.

23 hanged

ATHENS, May 17, (UPI): Iran publicly hanged another 23 people in two days, after Islamic revolutionary courts convicted them of trafficking in narcotic drugs, Tehran Radio said today.

The latest hangings brought to at least 742 the total number of convicted criminals executed in Iran since the beginning of the year, including 599 for drug trafficking.

Iran-EEC ties

NICOSIA, May 17, (Reuters): An Iranian Member of Parliament called yesterday for more dialogue with Western Europe to improve strained relations, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

"Talks and ideological interface between Muslims and Christians in Europe would help clear the air between followers of the two religions," he quoted Mohammad Mojtahed Shabestari as telling a two-day seminar in Tehran on the European Economic Community's plans for a single market by 1992.

Lawsuit dismissed

BELGRADE, May 17, (Reuters): Yugoslav authorities today dismissed an Iranian claim that a Belgrade newspaper defamed its spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, Tanjug news agency said.

Syria moderates hardline stance

Libya campaigns against Arab summit

DAMASCUS, May 17, (Agencies): Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara flew to Zimbabwe yesterday for a meeting that could end a five-and-a-half-year feud between Syria and the PLO and brighten prospects for Arab-Israeli peace.

In another development, Arab League secretary-general held talks here on Egypt's readmission to the league.

A senior Palestinian official said Al Shara would have talks with Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's Foreign Minister, at a non-aligned ministerial meeting in Harare.

"This meeting is the first step for ending divisions between Palestinians and Syrians... There is an agreement in principle to have discussions," said Khaled Al Majed of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front, one of several radical Palestinian groups based in the Syrian capital.

He said that Syrian President Hafez Assad probably would meet PLO chief Yasser Arafat during the May 23-24 Arab League summit to be held in Casablanca, Morocco.

"The summit will provide a suitable atmosphere for a reconciliation" that would be consolidated in further talks between Syrian and Palestinian officials, he said.

Arafat visited Damascus in April last year in an effort to heal the rift with Assad, who expelled him from Syria in June 1983 at the height of their feud for control of the PLO.

But the meeting made no progress in solving their differences. It was held after the burial in Damascus of Arafat's deputy, Khalil Wazir, who was assassinated in Tunis on April 16, 1988 by a commando unit believed to be Israeli.

Restoring relations with the PLO would cap recent moves by Syria to moderate its traditional hardline stance and play a more prominent part in Arab affairs.

On Sunday, Syria indicated it had lifted objections to Egypt's return to the Arab League by saying that President Hosni Mubarak's participation in next week summit was a "positive development."

Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi left Damascus today after talks on the Lebanese crisis and Egypt's readmission to the league.

Iran criticised Syria, its wartime ally yesterday, for accepting the Arab League's efforts to solve the Lebanese problem and for dropping its opposition to Egypt's return to the organisation.

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi has launched a campaign against the emergency Arab summit, the official Libyan

news agency JANA said. JANA officials contacted from Tunis said Khaddafi telephoned the leaders of Syria, Algeria and Tunisia to put Libya's view that there was no issue to justify calling the summit.

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Hassan's triumphant return

Arab summit

RABAT, May 17, (Reuters): Three years ago Morocco's King Hassan was cold-shouldered by the Arab world for daring to treat publicly with then-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

He is now poised to return triumphantly to the centre-stage of Middle East politics as host of an emergency Arab summit in Casablanca that brings Egypt back into the Arab fold a decade after it was ostracised for making peace with Israel.

"Even if the summit achieves nothing more than Egypt's readmission to the Arab League, it will be judged a success," commented one senior Western diplomat source.

King Hassan, who helped rally the Arab world around the Fex plan on Middle East peace in 1982, launched his appeal for the May 23-24 summit in March.

He said the Arab world should rally behind a new peace strategy adopted by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, but rejected by Israel and criticised by radical Palestinians.

"The decisions of this summit will put an end to any remaining doubt regarding the non-equivocal Arab will to build peace and to live peacefully with all the states in the region," King Hassan declared in his March speech.

Diplomats say the King made his move in close consultation with Saudi Arabia and Egypt to breathe fresh life into Arafat's strategy, strengthen his hand in talks with Washington, and to keep the radicals at bay.

Arafat is hoping Arab countries expected to make the running at the Casablanca summit — Jordan, Egypt, Morocco and the Gulf states — will be able to increase pressure on Washington to force Israel to give ground.

The Palestinian leader unexpectedly arrived in Morocco last month to urge King Hassan to push for the summit at a time when Saudi Arabia, originally due to hold an ordinary summit, was backtracking on the subject because of inter-Arab disputes.

Diplomats said Arafat, his peace approaches rebuffed, was worried that no summit at all would take place and his new hard-won strategy would run out of steam.

"Morocco is probably one of the few countries which could hold a summit like this one. Egypt is out of the question, Jordan has other preoccupations, and the Saudis did not want to do it," a senior US diplomatic source said.

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Palestinian killed in West Bank

Shamir's peace plan approved

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 17, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir won Parliament approval today for his peace plan after overcoming a challenge from right-wing legislators in his own Likud bloc who complained it could lead to creation of a Palestinian state.

The vote, after more than seven hours of sometimes-acrimonious debate, was 43 in favour and 15 against, with 11 abstaining. But 51 legislators were not present, including some Likud members who walked out before the vote-of-confidence motion was called.

The Likud dissidents included two cabinet ministers: Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, who has led the battle against the plan, and Economy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who has called on Shamir to resign.

Meanwhile, one Palestinian was killed and at least nine others wounded in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arab hospital

officials said.

Onar Abu Jaber, 41, died of a bullet in the chest in the West Bank town of Jenin.

The Army confirmed Jaber's death but said no troops were active in the area. Israel radio said he may have been shot by an Israeli civilian.

The Army confirmed one injury report from the West Bank and said it was checking further.

The Gaza Strip's 700,000 residents were confined to their homes for a third consecutive day as Israeli police continued a sweep of Israeli markets and factories to force all Gaza workers to return home.

Associated Press reporter G.G. Labelle, who visited the Erez crossing into Gaza, saw Palestinians herded across and into service taxis by Israeli soldiers, one of whom waved a riot club to hurry them along.

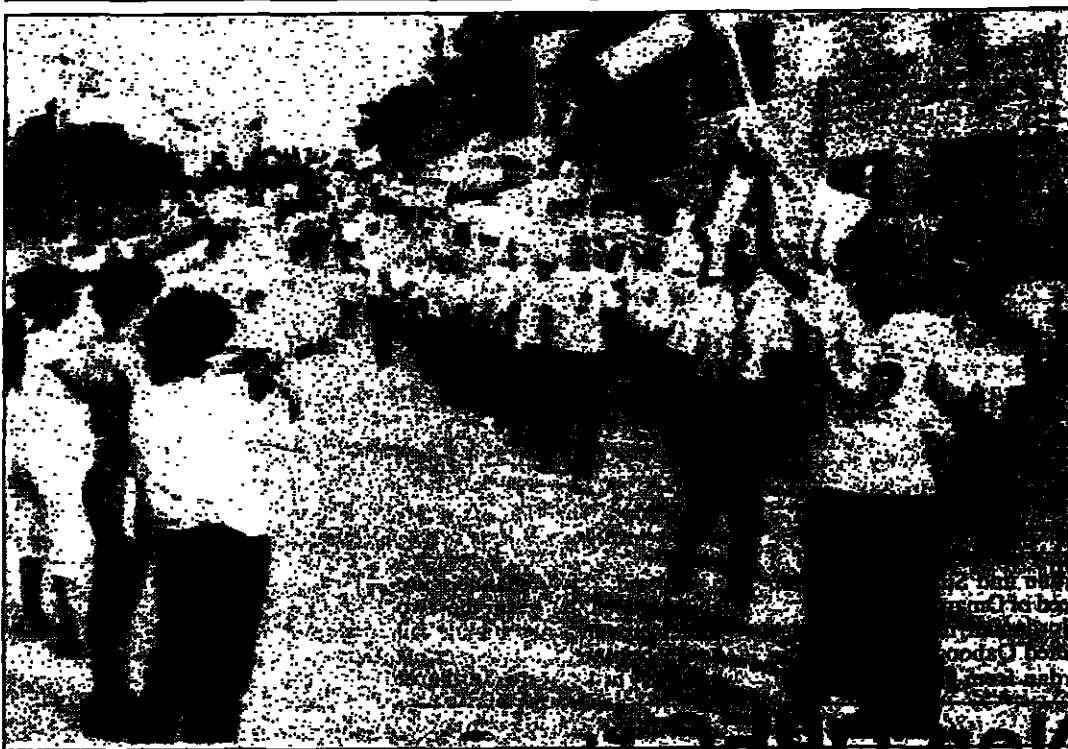
The loss of wages for the 50,000 Gaza

residents who work in Israel could cause severe financial hardship for many families. At the same time, some Israeli industries dependent on Arab labour, such as construction, already have appealed for permission to bring workers from abroad.

The government's co-ordinator for the occupied lands, Shmuel Goren, told a Parliament committee today that Gazans will not be allowed to return to Israel without special permits. Army radio reported. He also told the committee that the permit rule would be expanded to include some 60,000 workers from the occupied West Bank, it said.

About 60,000 workers from the occupied territories do not have proper permits.

The United States proposed yesterday that the UN Security Council express concern over the violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza and violations of human rights "from any quarter."



Memorial march

Palestinian youths march in a huge memorial demonstration carrying Palestinian flags and wearing T-shirts bearing the picture of a Palestinian boy from the town of Sahour who was killed by the Israeli Army. (Reuters wirephoto)

UN secures limited troop pullback in Cyprus

NICOSIA, May 17, (Reuters): Greek and Turkish-Cypriot troops have pulled back from sensitive positions along the ceasefire line in the heart of divided Nicosia, the United Nations said today.

A statement by the UN Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) said each side had vacated 12 posts in three areas where a buffer zone dividing opposing troops was only metres wide.

UNFICYP's commander, Canadian Major-General Clive Milner, described the move as an important step towards reducing confrontation in Nicosia.

"UNFICYP has for several years been seeking agreement on means of separating forces in dangerously close proximity along the buffer zone," he said.

Turkish-Cypriots proclaimed a break-away state in northern Cyprus in 1983 on land occupied by Turkish troops who invaded the divided Mediterranean island in 1974. The invasion followed a short-lived coup in Nicosia inspired by the military junta then ruling Greece.

Cypriot President George Vassiliou and Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş are currently engaged in a third round of UN-mediated peace talks.

Protesters dispersed

ALGIERS, May 17, (Reuters): Algerian security forces fired tear gas to disperse youngsters demonstrating in protest against slow progress of development projects in their villages.

The official news agency APS said the youngsters had set up barricades yesterday across the road leading to the village of Ben Chaabane, about 40 km (25 miles) southwest of Algiers, and demanded to talk to district officials.

The paramilitary national Gendarmier dispersed the demonstrators when the officials did not arrive, APS said.

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Rebels attack Khost: Amani

KABUL, May 17, (Agencies): The government yesterday said the rebels had abandoned their quest to capture the eastern city of Jalalabad and launched a major offensive on the southern border town of Khost.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said the armed forces responded to the frontal assault by 9,000 rebels with heavy artillery and air strikes.

Dozens of Scud-B missiles also were fired from bases in Kabul, about 360 kilometres (250 miles) north of Khost.

At least 1,193 rebels had been killed since the attack began on Sunday, including 723 since Monday, Amani said.

Also, rebels fired seven rockets into the capital yesterday, he said. One hit a gate at a terminal at Kabul airport, killing a woman and two workers, he said. There were no other casualties, he added.

Rain and low cloud cover grounded the Afghan Air Force, allowing the insurgents hiding in

the surrounding mountains to move in closer to the city. Military transport and civilian flights were cancelled.

The rebels, armed by the United States, Saudi Arabia and China, and based in neighbouring Pakistan, have been trying to topple the Soviet-backed government for the past 11 years.

Rebel government has sought membership of the Non-Aligned Movement, a Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman said today in Islamabad.

He told reporters Pakistan would back the move at a current meeting of non-aligned foreign ministers in the Zimbabwean capital, Harare.

The spokesman said rebel government President Sibghatullah Mojaddidi handed the application for the membership to Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Nathan Shamuyarira when the two met in Islamabad earlier this month.

"We don't know what will be the outcome of that application," he said.

NAM talks on agenda for ninth summit

HARARE, May 17, (AP): Foreign ministers of the 101-member Non-Aligned Movement gathered in Harare yesterday for three days of talks to prepare the agenda for the Third World's ninth summit in Yugoslavia next September.

They meet at a time when many members are questioning whether the movement has any important role to play in the world.

Dissident South African Third World Bulletin, mounting a campaign against South Africa's racial policies, superpowers' efforts to curtail the arms race, and the PLO's declaration of an independent state, organisers said.

President Robert Mugabe, current Non-Aligned Movement chairman, opens the meeting today, and conference sources said no more than 30 foreign ministers are expected.

Many delegates fear a small attendance of foreign ministers at the meeting will strengthen critics' belief that the movement has lost its relevance in international politics.

Draft recommendations for the foreign ministers to consider include demands on all nuclear weapons states to establish their arms race; condemnation of South Africa for acquiring a nuclear weapons capability with the alleged help of Western powers and Israel; and denunciation of the West for supporting Pretoria diplomatically, economically and militarily.

Also included in draft recommendations are support for a broad-based government in Afghanistan, backing for efforts towards international peace talks on the Middle East; support for the PLO's declaration of an independent state, and criticism of the United States for "destabilising actions and coercive economic measures" against Panama.

One of the first issues the foreign ministers will tackle is the row between Latin American nations over efforts by Panama to block the admission of Venezuela to the movement.

In advance of the ministerial meeting, government experts gathered behind closed doors in Harare on Monday to make final arrangements for the three-day talks.



Mr Mohammed Al Shroogi, Country Corporate Officer and Investment Bank Head for Citibank in the Gulf, announced the appointment of Mr Suneel Bakshi as Treasurer, Citibank Bahrain. Mr Bakshi has been with Citibank since joining in New York in 1982. Mr Al Shroogi added "Citibank Treasury in Bahrain is unique in the Middle East in that it is a 'full service' Treasury. It not only has new, upgraded customer service capabilities, but is backed up by an experienced team of professionals in trading, positioning, and financial

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market research. The Treasury participates actively in foreign exchange, OTC options, on FX Forward Rate Agreements, short term interest rate swaps, caps and collars, and financial futures. In addition, Bahrain Treasury provides a service to selective customers of economic, interest rate and currency trends via its own econometric forecasting unit. Bahrain Treasury has worldwide recognition for being one of the most professional and innovative dealing rooms within the Citibank global network. In addition, our customers know that advice given on the markets is based on thorough analytical research, since our trading desks manage their own positions from Bahrain based on the same analysis. I have every confidence, therefore, that Suneel Bakshi and his team of dedicated professionals will provide excellent service to our customers in the Gulf," said Mr Al Shroogi.

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UN blames Gulf war for slow regional economic progress

BAGHDAD, Iraq, May 17. (AP) A senior United Nations official today blamed the Iran-Iraq war and conflicts in Western Asia for slow regional economic progress.

But Taisir Abdul Jaber, head of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, expressed the hope the Aug 20 ceasefire in the 8-year Gulf war will result in an improvement.

Addressing a ministerial meeting of the commission's 13 member states, all Arab, Jaber said that their economic growth was only 1.3 per cent of their gross domestic product because of the war.

He added that in 1987 the members registered 2.5 per cent GDP growth, with a total per capita GDP of \$2,574.

Jaber also blamed the Arab-Israeli conflict and the civil war in Lebanon for the reversal in the economic growth of the region's states.

Imports

But he emphasised that had economic policies, wasteful government spending, uncontrolled imports and the international economic crisis had also helped worsen the situation.

The fluctuation in the value of the US dollar and the drop in oil prices in the 1980s were other factors, he added.

He said the ending of hostilities in the Iran-Iraq war "is a source of hope that the economies of the member states will show a better performance."

He called on them to take effective steps to put their economies in order through such measures as "rationalising their state expenditures, restricting their imports and encouraging private investment."

The commission is holding its biannual meeting at its Baghdad headquarters to discuss economic and social issues and co-operation between its members.

They are Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, North Yemen, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Yemen, Syria, the United Arab Emirates and the self-proclaimed Palestinian state.

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Minister to discuss energy ties with top officials

WASHINGTON, May 17. (KUNA) Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa is currently here for three days of talks with top American government officials on energy, economic, and other bilateral issues between the two countries.

Sheikh Ali has a full range of meetings scheduled for today, tomorrow and Thursday.

This morning, he met with US Vice President Dan Quayle at the White House.

He will then proceed to the Pentagon for a series of meetings and a working lunch.

Sheikh Ali will meet with the Secretary of Defense, Frank Carlucci, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell.

He will also hold a meeting with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Richard Cheney.

After his meetings in Washington, Sheikh Ali will travel to New York to meet with the Mayor of New York City, David Dinkins.

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Oman and Jordan to boost economic ties

AMMAN, Jordan, May 17. (AP) Prime Minister Zaid Bin Shaker met Oman's Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Qais Bin Abdul-Munem Al Zawawi, and discussed economic co-operation today, an official at the prime minister's office said.

"They discussed bilateral relations especially in the field of financial and economic co-operation...and ways to improve and strengthen these relations," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The meeting was part of a series of economic talks held yesterday between King Hussein of Jordan and Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'id of Oman.

Jordanian news agency said Qaboos was in Amman from May 16 to 18.

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Malaysian minister in Kuwait economic talks

KUWAIT, May 17. (KUNA) Kuwaiti Minister of Finance Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi conferred here today with his Malaysian counterpart Daim Zainuddin who arrived here today on a two-day official visit to Kuwait.

The meeting, attended by Finance Ministry Undersecretary Abdel Mohsen Al Hanif, deputy undersecretary for economic affairs Mustafa Al Shimali, and director general of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development Badar Mishari Al Humaidhi, tackled a number of economic and other issues concerning the two countries.

The meeting also was attended by the deputy managing director of Kuwait Investment Authority Badar Rashid Al Badar and administrative director of Asian investment at the authority Salwa Al Razouqi.

Later, Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid met with the Malaysian minister and discussed ways to promote trade, economic and investment ties between the two countries.

Zainuddin invited Khalid to visit Malaysia.

World Bank loans for Tunisia and N. Yemen

WASHINGTON, May 17. (KUNA) Tunisia, Yemen and Turkey will benefit to the tune of a total of \$180.8 million in domestic development loans and credits, the World Bank announced here today.

The bank broke down the new aid as follows: Yemen Arab Republic a \$10.8 million credit meant to strengthen Yemen's public administration and help government operations. Some 8,000 Yemeni civil servants will be trained locally and abroad in new management techniques.

Tunisia a \$95 million loan for improving education and training systems, with 1,600 primary and 300 secondary schools rehabilitated, 95 new high schools to be built and far-reaching training and technical assistance in educational systems management to be made available.

The loan also will pay for equipment for developing vocational training centres in collaboration with industry associations run by the government.

Turkey a \$75 million loan for provincial health services, intended to help some six million people in Turkey's less-developed provinces with basic health services and to bolster management of the country's health care system.

The \$75 million loan will go toward supporting Turkey's \$146.3 million project to construct 500 health posts, 60 rural and urban health centres, four district hospitals and a network of laboratories and vehicle-maintenance workshops.

The total Turkish project also calls for the upgrading of several hundred existing health centres, hospitals, health colleges and the purchase of a new ambulance, furniture, training materials and a management information system.

Yemen's credit is for 40 years (with 10 year's grace). Tunisia's loan is for 17 years with five year's grace and Turkey's loan is for 17 years with a five-year grace period.

Readjustment needed Tarkit blames poor Kuwaiti exports

KUWAIT, May 17. (KUNA) Kuwaiti export-oriented companies will have to re-adjust to cope with the market variables, or else pull out of the competition with the least damage, a seminar on development of Kuwaiti exports has been told.

This approach was recommended to the Kuwaiti firms by director general of the marketing department of the National Industries Company, Salah Al Tarkit, in a paper to the seminar which ended its discussions today.

Al Tarkit blamed poor Kuwaiti exports on a host of factors, chief among which, he said, were: high production costs, poor capital-return ratio, and obstacles imposed by importing governments.

He also cited the paucity of exportable goods, lack of marketing experience, poor production technologies and fluctuation of demand at the international export market.

The seminar, organised by the Islamic Development Bank and the Kuwaiti Finance House, also debated papers put forth by the Kuwait Industrial Bank and the Islamic Development Bank.

KUWAIT, May 17. (Reuters) Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were mostly steady today in a moderately active market despite the announcement of a new high yields on the treasury bill offering.

One and three month maturities were unchanged from yesterday at 9-1/4 8-3/4 per cent, while six months and one year were steady at 9-1/8 8-7/8.

From the Pentagon, the Kuwait oil minister will head for the State Department where he will meet the undersecretary of state for political affairs Robert Kimmitt.

The National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft will then meet with Sheikh Ali at the White House.

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Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, Paul Hare, will host a working lunch in honour of Sheikh Ali at the State Department tomorrow.

This will be followed by a meeting with the Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

Energy and oil issues will be the main subjects of discussion when Sheikh Ali then proceeds for a meeting with Energy Secretary James Watkins tomorrow.

A series of other economic meetings are scheduled for Friday morning before Sheikh Ali leaves for Venezuela.

Non-OPEC renews pledge

Fresh move to help OPEC on prices

LONDON, May 17. (Reuters) Ten oil nations outside OPEC have pledged continued co-operation with the organisation to buoy prices, but difficult decisions lie ahead on how to achieve this.

Officials of the non-OPEC group, which includes such heavyweights as the Soviet Union and Mexico, met in London yesterday.

They rejected market suggestions that they might not have fully implemented export curbs which they pledged for April.

June to reinforce OPEC supply restraint and help boost prices.

"The actual reduction in exports in April was considerably in excess of the approximately 300,000 barrels per day (BPD) to which they were committed," a communiqué said.

It also said "continued co-operation among all oil exporting nations is an essential element for oil market stability."

But as market analysts expected, there was no decision on the tricky issues of whether to extend the present export restraint beyond June and, if so, how much oil to shut in.

Hermann Franssen, economic adviser to Oman, said: "You cannot make decisions on output in advance of events."

A signal event will be an OPEC conference in Vienna on June 1, which must set the organisation's own output ceiling for the second half of 1989, with several members anxious to raise it from the present 18.5 million BPD in line with stronger demand.

Turkish workers get big pay rises

ANKARA, May 17. (Reuters) Prime Minister Turgut Ozal ordered sweeping wage rises for 600,000 Turkish state sector workers today after weeks of rising union militancy.

A compromise hammered out by Ozal and trade unions in all-night talks agreed an average 142 per cent pay rise for the first year of new contracts and a further 37.5 per cent rise for the second year, excluding improved fringe benefits.

"Last night was the most difficult negotiating session in my experience," said Ozal, appearing with union negotiator Sevtet Yilmaz to announce the deal after six weeks of talks.

Diplomats have said the unrest was a threat to Ozal, who faces opposition calls for early general elections after his centre-right Motherland Party was humiliated at local polls in March.

Kuwait team arrives in Bonn

BONN, May 17. (KUNA) A team of Kuwaiti investment officials arrived in Bonn yesterday for talks here on agreement with West Germany for protection of investment.

The Kuwaiti delegation groups senior executives of the Kuwait Investment Authority with two representatives from the Foreign and Finance Ministries.

Today the delegation will begin three days of talks with representatives of several West German ministries and the Federal Central Bank (Bundesbank), German sources said.

A spokesman for the Federal Economy Ministry told KUNA the two sides had previously exchanged proposed drafts of the agreement on investment that they will be trying to finalise in this round of talks.

Officials from the Kuwaiti Foreign and Finance Ministries last year signed an agreement in Bonn on elimination of double taxation which went into effect retroactively in 1980.

The agreement was enforced when the Federal Parliament and the Council of Local Governments endorsed it last month.

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Automakers view methanol as the fuel of the future

DETROIT, May 17. (Reuters) Methanol, the alcohol-based fluid used as a paint thinner and windshield washer, could be tomorrow's automotive fuel.

Carmakers in the United States who are researching methanol say it just may be the long-sought clean-burning fuel of the future.

"Methanol has one of the best long-term prospects," said Roberta Nichols, head research engineer for Ford Motor Co's alternative fuel programme.

Methanol, cleaner than petrol, is abundant domestically and it is easy to convert petrol-powered cars to it, researchers said. "And it's cheaper," added Nichols.

The big three US automakers — Ford, General Motors and Chrysler — are researching alternative fuels in part to address air pollution concerns caused by conventional cars.

Air quality in at least 60 US metropolitan areas currently violates federal pollution standards and a number of cities and states in the next decade are expected to enact legislation requiring alternative-fuel vehicles.

In California, the South Coast air quality management district is considering requiring 70 per cent of trucks and 30 per cent of cars to run on alternative fuels by the year 2007.

Ford has already supplied 630 methanol-powered cars to California, said Nichols.

General Motors will begin delivering 2,500 such cars to California this month.

Ford is negotiating a similar contract with California for 2,200 flexible-fuel vehicles, a company spokesman said.

Chrysler has no such contract but has developed its own flexible-fuel vehicle and a pure methanol-powered car, Chrysler spokesman Ben Dunn said.

However, there are drawbacks to methanol. The major obstacle is the cost of switching to it, researchers say.

Getting the fuel distributed and stored nationwide in new non-corrosive fuel tanks would cost billions of dollars, said Vito Stagliano, policy director at the US Department of Energy.

But mass-producing cars powered by methanol would cost only an additional \$240 per vehicle, he said.

Manufacturing methanol would not be a problem. It can be obtained from natural gas fields, decomposed agricultural waste and from coal.

A methanol plant would cost about \$250 million to build, roughly the same as an oil refinery, Stagliano said.

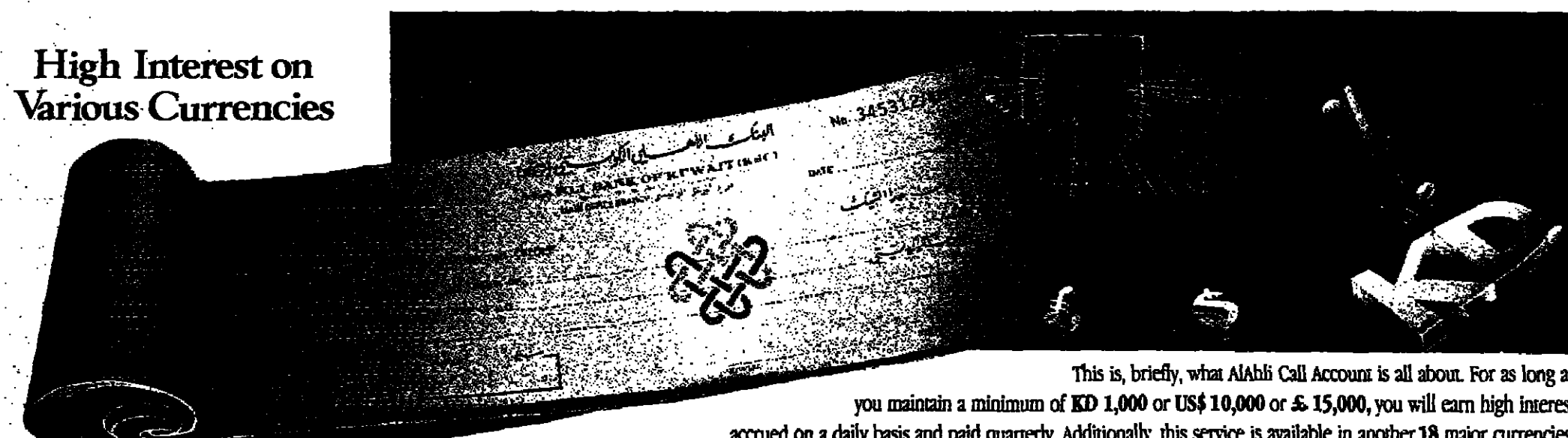
Despite the costs involved, methanol supporters said, another oil embargo or an air-pollution crisis would be likely to trigger the commercial development of the fuel.

As part of the search for viable new fuels, the US Energy Department helped sponsor a rally in Detroit for cars burning alternative fuels. The event, the Society of Automotive Engineers' methanol marathon, was a 1,100-mile (1,770 km), five-day road rally that ended earlier this month.

General Motors last November provided engineering students from 15 universities with Chevrolet Corsicas, which they converted to run on a mixture of methanol and petrol.

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UNILEVER	366.0
UNIGATE	427.0
UTMUSPR	366.6
WELLCOME	272.0
WINTBRO IN	284.0
WILLIAMS	230.0
WILLIS FB	230.0
WINPEY GE	230.0

LONDON	
(Beta Stocks)	
NAME	CLOSE
2ND ALLCE	92.00
600 GROUP	131.0
A.AMER TS	454.0
A.B.ELECT	381.0
A.S.W.HLD	279.0
AAR KENT	113.0
AAR HLD	398.0
AARSHLD	109.0
ADDISON	46.4
ADVEST	168.0
ALEX WRKH	196.0
ALEXON	401.0
ALD COL	142.0
ALD IR	142.0
ALD LDN	317.0
ALD PART	148.0
ALLIANCE	72.4
AMBER DAY	03.0
AMEC	53.0
AMER TST	03.0
AMERSHAM	463.0
ANG LIHLTC	146.4
ANGIA SEC	488.0
ANGLIA TR	366.0
ANSBACHER	324.0
APPLEYARD	287.0
ASHLEY LA	77.0
AUS REE A	182.0
AUST REED	103.0
AUST SECS	241.0
AVESCO	384.0
AVIS EUR	286.0
AVON RHT	286.0
B.A.BURNELL	406.0
BAILL JAF	613.0
BAILL SHI	248.0
BAIRD W	536.0
BANK IRE	98.0
BANKER IT	250.0
BARDON GP	294.0
BARRT DEV	93.0
BAYNES C	178.0
BSA GROUP	188.0
BEAR BRND	36.0
BEATTIE J	203.0
BELHAVEN	12.0
BELLWAY	154.0
BENROSE	51.0
BENLOX ND	250.0
BERKELEY	250.0
BHH GROUP	231.0
BK OF SCO	133.4
BLCK LE 2	96.0
BN GROUP	96.0
BNWETT +F	443.0
BOASE MAS	90.0
BOODINGTW	345.0
BODY SHOP	169.0
BOYD HENR	583.0
BORTHWICK	475.0
BR ARROW	41.0
BR ARROW	115.0

BR ASSETS	83/0	83/0	HEPHART	285/0	285/0	RUGBY GRP	205/0	205/0
BR DREGDI	177/0	177/0	HESTAIR	229/0	228/0	RUTLAND T	45/0	45/0
BR VITA	272/0	272/0	HEYWOOD W	285/0	285/0	SAGA GRP	296/0	296/0
BRENT CHE	153/0	152/0	HICKS IN	242/0	241/0	SALE TILBY	204/0	203/0
BRENT MGR	400/0	400/0	HIGGS NTL	370/0	370/0	SAVESMAN	160/0	161/0
BRIDON	187/0	187/0	HUBRO CTY	41/0	41/0	SAVILLE G	60/0	61/0
BRITAIN SE	196/0	196/0	HNBRO ZOP	220/0	220/0	SAVOY "A"	87/0	880/0
BRITANNIC	398/0	399/0	HNTR SPHR	150/0	151/0	SCHRR.GLOB	285/0	285/0
BRITXON E	398/0	398/0	HOLMES PR	90/0	85/0	SCOT HERT	177/0	176/0
BRYN & JAC	42/4	43/5	HODGEN	152/0	153/0	SCOT T.T.	157/0	157/0
CAAR CLIFF	349/0	349/0	HOBBS HSON	63/0	63/0	SCOT T.M.	128/0	128/0
CAHRYN GP	106/0	105/0	HODGSON	119/0	117/0	SCOT NORT	108/0	108/0
BSG INTL	77/4	77/0	ICE.FZ.FD	350/0	350/0	SCOT.AM.I	110/0	110/0
BSR INTL	62/0	62/0	IMRY M.DV	462/0	462/0	SCT NAT A	53/0	53/0
BULLGOS	109/0	108/0	IMPMDOT W	16/0	16/0	SCT NAT I	99/4	99/0
BULDOUGH	185/0	185/0	INOCO PLC	33/0	33/0	SCT NAT W	14/0	14/0
BULMER HP	182/0	183/0	INT.BU.CH	147/0	148/0	SECS TST	128/4	129/0
CAIMOR GRP	460/0	460/0	INT.CITY	60/0	60/0	SELCTV P1	17/0	17/0
CALENDONIA	374/0	372/0	JHNS&MFR	57/0	57/0	SEMA GRP	319/0	319/0
CAM CLIFF	215/0	215/0	JOS HILDS	151/0	151/0	SHANDUCK	142/0	142/0
CANAL ELEC	271/0	271/0	KAMAZOO	32/4	32/4	SHERATON S	93/4	95/4
CANNING W	269/0	270/0	KALON GRP	39/0	39/0	SHIRE INV	260/0	259/0
CANONM ST	235/0	235/0	KELT ENGY	64/0	64/0	SIMON ENG	402/0	402/0
CAR.RADIO	868/0	870/0	KETSDON	15.5	16.5	SINGER&F	70/0	70/0
CARADON	350/0	349/0	KLWRT CHR	147/4	148/0	SMITH D	27/0	271/0
CARLCO EN	156/0	156/0	KLWRT O'S	159/0	160/0	SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
CATLLE HD	76/0	76/0	KLWRT SML	188/0	188/0	SPRING RAM	138/0	138/0
CAULTON	12/0	12/0	KVTK SAV	462/0	463/0	SPRX-SARC	235/0	235/0
CEINTL TV	778/0	778/0	KMKT-FIT	114/0	114/0	ST.ANDREW	215/0	215/0
CHAM PHRR	213/0	213/0	LAING "A"	350/0	350/0	ST.HOVEN	39/4	40/0
CHARR CHA	22/2	22/0	LAING GRP	350/0	350/0	STAKIS	104/0	104/0
CHARTER CH	116/0	116/0	LAING LTD	52/0	52/0	STANLEY	47/0	47/0
CHLORIDE A	44/0	45/0	LAIRD GRP	273/0	273/0	STHED PR	224/0	223/0
CHRISTIE	021/0	018/0	LAURANCE W	148/0	148/0	STODDARD	47/0	46/0
CI GROUP	51/0	52/0	LDN & MET	184/0	185/0	STORMGUAR	22/0	22/0
CLAYFORM	320/0	320/0	LDN ATLAN	318/0	318/0	STURGE HD	234/0	235/0
CMB PK NW	700/0	650/0	LDN INTL	208/0	208/0	T.E.L.P. EU	47/0	47/0
CNTRL SEC	60/0	60/0	LDN UTL	70/0	70/0	TELEMETRX	115/0	114/0
CNTRY OIL	192/0	191/0	LDNEDIN	144/0	145/0	TEMPLE BA	257/0	256/0
CANTO LITE	405/0	400/0	LEISURE I	90/0	90/0	THAMES TV	471/0	472/0
COLOROL	172/0	172/0	LEP GROUP	175/0	177/0	THORNTONS	150/0	149/0
CORNELLS	230/0	230/0	LEX SERVC	376/0	376/0	THROGHTN	91/0	91/0
COOPER F	154/0	154/0	LIFE SCIE	73/0	74/0	TIE GROUP	445/0	444/0
COSTAIN	338/0	338/0	LILLEY FJ	75/4	75/4	TIG RACK	68/0	67/0
COURTIS FR	196/0	196/0	LIT	146/0	147/0	TILBURY	497/0	501/0
COWIE (T)	135/0	136/0	LLOYD THP	221/0	222/0	TIME PROD	242/0	242/0
CRA	191/0	191/0	LOVELL HD	268/0	268/0	TIPHOOK	530/0	530/0
CRODA INT	198/0	199/0	LOWELL HD	268/0	268/0	TOWNS F	251/0	251/0
CRYSTALST	135/0	135/0	LOW (HW)	269/0	270/0	TOTAL	128.0	127.0
CTRY PROP	245/0	247/0	LOWBONNER	227/0	226/0	TOZER KBM	117/4	117/0
DARES EST	33/4	33/4	N&G GROUP	322/0	322/0	TR CITY	94/0	94/0
DAVIS GDO	177/0	176/0	N.C.PACIF	253/0	253/0	TR PACIFIC	90/0	89/0
DAVY CORP	247/0	246/0	MACARTHY	252/0	252/0	TR PROPTY	62/0	62/0
DANSON GP	187/0	186/0	MACFARLNEE	224/0	223/0	TR TRSTEE	155/4	155/0
DELTA GRP	337/0	337/0	MAI	93.0	92.0	TRIMCO	41/0	41/0
DEVENISH	307/0	307/0	MAJEDIE	245/0	246/0	TRIPLEX	171/0	170/0
DEWHIRST	44/0	44/0	MAIDERS	217/0	216/0	TRITON ER	170/0	170/0
DIPLOMA	227/0	227/0	MARLEY	166/0	165/0	TRSPRT DV	235/0	233/0
DORSON PK	98/0	97/4	MATTHEWS	70/0	70/0	TV S WLHD	89/0	89/0
DOMAS GR	342/0	343/0	MAUNDERS	119/0	119/0	TVS ENTER	80/0	79/0
DONDING&A	74/0	75/0	MCKECHNIE	301/0	300/0	U-BORLAND	323/0	324/0
DOWNT GP	275/0	275/0	MEMEC	256/0	257/0	U-BRD ST	42/4	43/0
DRAYTON FE	437/0	436/0	MENZIES	328/0	327/0	U-BROADHL	218/0	218/0
DRAYG C	545/0	546/0	MERCHN. TST	184/4	184/4	U-CITYVSN	178/0	178/0
OR	479/0	480/0	MERLIN IN	98/0	98/0	U-DEAN&NB	213/0	213/0
DUKEMISTR	79/0	79/0	METAL CLS	185/0	185/0	U-DEWEY W	120/0	121/0
DUNDEE LD	334/0	334/0	METALRAX	100/0	100/0	U-DURHAM	53/0	54/0

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FRESH-MCLEN	61/6	61/5	SEALED AIR	13/3	13/2
MURPHY OIL	35/6	35/7	SEARS ROE	46/2	46/0
NAT INTERG	16/4	16/5	SERV CORP	21/0	21/0
NBI CORP	2/0	2/0	SA STN PAC	22/0	22/1
NCR CORP	58/1	58/0	SNELL TRAM	39/3	39/4
NEW ENG EL	24/1	24/2	SNERN PLOU	66/7	67/1
NEW PLA RE	15/7	15/7	SNERN-WILL	28/6	28/6
NEVELL CO	37/1	37/1	SHUTT LINT	10/5	10/5
NEWMONT GLD	36/3	36/4	SHWAB BEC	60/6	60/6
NI MORF-10	30/6	30/6	SHAP ON TL	39/5	39/5
NI MORF-10	0	58/4	SOURCE CAP	38/6	38/7
NI MORF-72	73/0	74/1	SOUTHERN	24/5	24/4
NICOLET IN	12/0	11/7	SPAIN FUND	11/4	11/4
NICOR INC	33/4	33/2	SPERRY	9/6	9/4
NI INDS	25/2	25/2	SQUARE D	56/6	56/4
MOBILE AFF	12/6	12/7	SQUIB		
NORD RESOU	13/7	13/7	STON CONT	29/1	28/7
NORTROP	26/6	26/1	SUN CO	39/5	39/4
NORTON	50/1	49/7	SUNDRAND	66/7	66/6
NOVO NORD	42/6	43/0	SUNSH NIN	3/1	3/1
NUCOR CORP	51/0	50/6	SUPER VAL	27/0	26/6
OAK INDS	1/2	1/2	SOUTHWEST	26/6	26/5
OCC PETRCP	28/1	28/0	SV GAS	18/2	18/2
OCEAN DRILL	18/0	17/7	SWN BELL	51/4	51/2
ODGEN CORP	29/7	29/7	TDK	69/0	67/6
ON ED CO	21/0	20/7	TECO ENERG	24/1	24/2
OHIO MATT	0	25/1	TEKTRONIX	23/4	23/2
OLIN CORP	51/5	51/7	TELEPHON	35/4	35/4
ONWICARE	8/6	8/6	TELETYPE	23/0	23/0
ONWIC PCT	20/1	20/0	TELEC CORP	0	49/1
PAINE WEB	18/5	18/6	TERADYME	13/1	13/0
PAN AM	4/5	4/5	TESORO PET	0	10/2
PANHANDLE	21/6	21/6	TEX AMER S	*11	*12
PARKER DIR	6/4	6/4	TEX EAS TR	48/3	48/4
PARKER HAN	28/3	28/4	TEXACO	53/7	54/0
PATRICK PET	4/7	4/7	TEXAS IND	33/6	33/5
PULLMAN CO	0	0	TEXAS INST	42/7	42/4
PC INDOS-96	0	89/4	TEKTRON	27/1	26/7
PEGASUS	9/2	9/2	THOMPS MED	0	22/3
PENN CENTR	24/7	24/7	VIDEWATER	8/4	8/5
PENNMALF	128/0	128/2	TIME INCOR	121/1	120/6
PENNZOIL	83/4	83/4	TINKEN	37/2	37/2
PEOPLES EN	21/5	21/4	TORCHMARK	39/2	39/2
PEPSICO	52/3	52/1	TORGE	4/7	4/7
PERKINS	63/6	63/6	TORGE R US	44/7	44/5
PHILIPS DOD	58/2	58/2	TRANSMER	34/2	34/3
PHILIP MOR	133/4	132/7	TRANSCO EN	39/0	39/0
PHILIPS PE	23/1	23/0	TRANSCO EX	5/6	5/6
PIVOTACLE W	11/6	11/7	TRAVELLERS	40/0	40/0
PITTS-BOWES	44/6	44/6	TRINITY INC	35/7	36/0
PITTSBURG	20/5	20/5	TU CORP	32/1	32/2
POLAROID	39/3	39/2	TUO LABS	37/3	37/1
PORTLAND GE	23/3	23/1	UAL CORP	126/7	126/6
PPG INDS	45/2	45/2	UTD BRAND	13/5	13/6
PRIME CORP	16/4	17/6	UTD TECH	51/5	51/4
PRIME INNS	30/7	30/5	UNILEVER	61/7	62/5
PRIMERICA	21/2	21/2	UNION CAMP	37/3	37/2
PROCT-GAMB	99/0	98/7	UNION PAC	29/4	29/4
PUGET SP-L	19/2	19/2	US SIOE	48/3	48/4
PULTE-WONE	14/5	14/6	USA CT	35/3	35/2
QUAKER COR	59/4	59/2	USX-HECTAJ	67/2	67/4
QUAKER COR	17/0	17/0	US AIR CP	45/0	45/0
QUANTUM CH	49/2	49/2	US SIOE	37/3	37/2
RALS PURIN	86/0	86/0	US SIOE	37/3	37/2
RANDAM IND	11/0	11/6	US SIOE	37/3	37/2
RANKER OIL	2/0	5/2	US SIOE	37/3	37/2
RANKEN	33/2	33/2	US SIOE	37/3	37/2
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RANKEN	33/2	33/2	US SIOE	37/3	37/2
RANKEN	33/2	33/2	US SIOE		

Headlines

WORTH POINTS				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1792.2	1776.2 1776.2	1707.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1211.6	1211.6 1217.1	1182.7	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1100.20	100.20 1105.75	1076.15	926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.60	86.74 86.85	87.30	87.05
FT GOLD NW	176.4	177.4 177.9	190.2	161.9
FT MINES F	643.72	643.72 653.7	655.25	565.31
FT OIL	2005.6	2005.6 2015.9	1978.9	1725.2
FT WLD DLR	144.49	0 145.18	141.17	139.21
FT WLD STG*	130.66	130.55 129.70	123.81	115.30
FT WLD LOC	135.57	135.39 135.25	129.77	123.40

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OFF POST-CRASH HIGH AS WALL ST FALTERS

LONDON, MAY 17, REUTER - SHARES WERE WELL OFF TODAY'S POST-CRASH HIGH THIS AFTERNOON AS WALL STREET GREETED A LOWER THAN FORECAST U.S. TRADE DEFICIT WITH AN UNEXPECTED FALL.

The 8.86 BILLION DLR MARCH TRADE GAP WAS WELL BELOW THE 10.1 BILLION EXPECTED AND EARLIER BOOSTED THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX TO A NEW POST-CRASH HIGH OF 2166.3, 29.6 POINTS UP ON THE DAY.

"THE MARKET WERE ROSE BELIEVING THE TRADE DATA WOULD CHER STREET BUT INSTEAD NEW YORK SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN IT AS A SIGN THAT THE AMERICAN'S GOOD STRONG, LEAVING US OUT IN THE RAIN," SAID ONE DEALER. BY 1435 GMT THE FTSE 100 HAD UP 17.4 POINTS TO 2154.0 ON A MODERATE TURNOVER OF 438.5 MLN SHARES.

DEALERS SAID IT SEEMED THE U.S. MARKETS HAD TAKEN THE STRONG NEWS IN U.S. EXPORTS REPORTED AS A SIGN THE ECONOMY WAS NOT SLOWING AS QUICKLY AS THOUGHT AND THIS RESUSCITATED FEARS OF FURTHER INTEREST RATE HIKES.

THE TRADE FIGURES DID HELP THE DOLLAR SHARPLY HIGHER THOUGH, WHICH IN TURN AIDED BIG DOLLAR EARNERS HERE. ICI GAINED 15P TO 1,258, GLAXO ADDED 6P TO 1,388, BRITISH AEROSPACE ROSE TOP TO 631, AND REUTERS CLIMBED 3P TO 813.

CLOSER TO HOME THE MARKET DID GET SOME CHEER FROM INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FIGURES WHICH POINTED TO A SOFT LANDING FOR THE ECONOMY. THE FIRST HALF RESULTS TO BE PUTTIN ON COMWAVE SPENDING.

London Gold

LONDON, MAY 17, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED THE DAY TRADING BRISKLY, AND CLOSED AT 370.25/370.75 DLRS AN OUNCE, ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1974.

THE COMPANIES WITH ITS AFTERNOON FIX OF 371.90 AND TUESDAY'S 374.00/374.50 DLR CLOSE.

DEALERS SAID GOLD WAS INFLUENCED BY A FIRM DOLLAR, AFTER NEWS OF THE LOWER THAN EXPECTED 8.86 BILLION DLR U.S. MARCH TRADE SHORTFALL. BUT SUPPORT WAS SEEN NEAR 370.00 DLRS AND GOLD MAY HOLD ABOVE THIS LEVEL IN THE SHORT TERM.

ANALYSTS PREDICT A FURTHER PUSH FOR DOLLAR 7-1/2 MONTHS LOWS OF 506.00 DLRS AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF WEAK NYMEX LEVELS.

London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 17, REUTER - STERLING MONEY RATES WERE AROUND 1/8 POINT FIRMER IN THE LONGER MATURITIES REFLECTING THE POUND'S WEAKNESS IN THE FACE OF THE DOLLAR'S RELENTLESS RISE.

STERLING WAS TRADING AT A 20 MONTH LOW OF AROUND 1.6150, AROUND 2-1/2 CENTS BELOW LAST NIGHT'S LONDON CLOSE, AFTER BETTER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE FIGURES GAVE THE DOLLAR A FRESH BOOST.

"THE MARKET HASN'T REACTED AS NERVOUSLY AS SOME OF US THINK IT OUGHT TO," SAID A SENIOR DEALER AT WARBURG DISCOUNT.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 LOWER AT 12-7/8 3/4 BUT FOUR MONTH TO ONE YEAR RATES HAD GAINED BETWEEN 1/16 AND 1/8 POINT, TAKING THEM ALL TO 13.00 12-7/8.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR -----	1.6350/60	1.9461/65	6.5820/50	OPG
STG 1.6353/63		3.1790/1825	10.7610/7730	NOON
DLR 1.9399/9479	3.173/187		9.46/66	FIX
FFR 6.577/589	10.762/780	338.30/94		NOON
SFR 1.7397/7407	2.8453/8487	89.47/57	26.43/66	FIX
ECU 1.0715	3.5865	112.74	33.30	FLX
NFL 2.19029	0.654610	2.08117	7.04731	CLSE
SDR 1.27075	0.772727	2.46119	8.31896	CLSE
YEN 137.53/63	224.90/95.21			NOON
	124.90/95.21	newse	17.008/1880	

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR	
AUSTRALIA	308.00	310.80	314.00	284.00	259.3
AUSTRIA	313-10	312.90	312.90	287.9	215.4
BELGIUM	465.80	462.60	462.60	445.3	260.2
CANADA	396.40	396.40	393.60	386.8	350.7
DENMARK	656.70	654.40	654.20	602.3	336.6
FRANCE	477.90	479.60	479.60	464.4	288.5
GERMANY	210.20	211.70	211.70	206.7	156.6
HONG KONG	2511.7	2519.1	2498.1	2271.2	1644.3
FINLAND	128.50	128.90	128.30	126.5	108.1
ITALY	465.00	462.00	463.00	377.4	277.4
JAPAN	1049.6	1495.6	1504.6	1283.0	106.3
HOLLAND	303.10	303.10	303.10	296.8	215.9
NEW ZEAL	93.40	93.80	93.20	90.3	98.9
HONGAY	824.70	814.80	814.80	751.0	392.4
SPORE	763.20	757.00	748.30	694.7	473.1
SPAIN	257.30	256.90	256.90	245.1	209.5
SWEDEN	1258.1	1247.2	1247.2	1247.1	856.8
SWITZER	188.20	188.50	188.50	186.7	140.7
U K	647.80	651.40	644.80	632.9	515.7
U S & C	290.00	290.00	288.40	270.9	229.4
WORLD	509.90	509.40	514.40	503.4	408.0
E.A.S.E F	949.70	946.40	962.30	939.2	757.5

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			GEN HINSTR	10/6	10/7
			GEN HILLS	65/0	64/5
			GEN MOTORS	41/2	41/0
			GEN SIGNAL	55/4	55/5
			GENCORP	19/0	19/0
			GENETECH	19/0	19/0
			GENUINE PA	42/2	41/4
			GEO PNT-80	0	7/0
			GEORGI-PAC	46/0	45/6
			GIBR FI CL	*13	*12
			GOLDEN NUD	22/2	22/2
			GODRICH	58/2	57/6
			GOOD YEAR	53/4	53/5
			GRACE YR	34/6	34/4
			GRAINGER	62/0	62/0
			GREYHOUND	52/6	53/0
			GRUBER	20/0	20/6
			GULF RES-C	11/2	11/3
			GULF-WESTN	55/2	52/5
			HALLIBURTN	29/6	29/5
			HALLWOOD	4/6	4/6
			HANNA MIN	24/4	24/5
			HARRIS CP	30/3	30/2
			HARTMARX	26/2	26/0
			HEINZ HJ	51/3	51/3
			HELM CURTIS	56/2	56/1
			HENL-PAYNE	27/2	27/3
			HERCULES	58/0	57/5
			HEWL-PACK	53/3	53/3
			HILLBELL	31/2	31/2
			HILLBURN	32/0	32/5
			HILTN HTLS	72/0	71/0
			HITACHI	12/1	12/0
			HISTAKE MIN	13/0	13/5
			HOLLY-HARM	20/4	20/2
			INDIARY C	42/3	41/6
			INMO DEPOT	39/2	39/1
			HOMEFED CP	39/0	38/7
			HONDA MOTR	28/5	29/0
			HONEYWELL	78/0	78/3
			HOUSTON MI	39/5	39/4
			HOUSTIN IN	29/4	29/4
			HUGHES SUP	18/1	18/1
			HUMANA INC	32/3	32/2
			IBN	11/13	11/3
			ICI PHARMA	6/3	6/2
			ILL PAR CO	15/0	14/7
			ILLIN 4-08	0	18/6
			INDIA GRO	0	11/3
			INGRESS-LR	41/4	41/0
			JEFF PILOT	34/0	34/0
			JER PW-8-5	0	80/6
			JOHNSON CN	43/0	42/6
			JOHNSON-JNS	50/6	50/1
			K KANT CP	39/0	39/0
			K CAT CI B	30/7	30/6
			KELLWOOD	31/0	31/0
			KEHR MOORE	47/3	47/3
			KEYSTONE	19/4	19/2
			KIMB-CLARK	12/1	12/0
			KLN R D	41/4	41/4
			KR RID NUS	45/6	45/5
			KROGER CP	11/4	11/4
			LEA RONAL	16/4	16/4
			LEHMAN	12/7	12/7
			LEINMAR	21/0	21/1
			LINCOLN NA	48/1	48/0
			LITTON IND	79/6	79/6
			LOCKHEED	47/1	47/2
			LOCITE CP	44/0	44/2
			LOEMS CORP	103/0	103/0
			LOW-NETTLE	0	30/5
			LOWE STAR	29/6	29/6
			LOWES	25/1	25/0
			LTD INC	32/3	32/1
			LTV CORP	2/2	2/2
			LTV 1-06	0	0/5
			LTV 5-25	0	10/4
			LUBRIZOL	43/6	43/4
			LUBYS CAFS	27/0	27/1
			MALAYSIA F	9/7	10/0
			MGMT ASS	*16	*15
			M HARRIETA	45/7	45/6
			MA COM INC	8/0	8/1
			MAJOR CARE	15/3	15/3
			MANU HANOV	34/1	34/1
			MANVILLE	0	60/2
			MARRIOTT	33/6	33/5
			MASCO CORP	28/3	28/1
			MATSU ELEC	178/0	180/7
			MATTEL INC	13/6	13/7
			MCA INCORP	55/7	55/7
			MCDONALDS	57/7	57/6
			MCDONWELL	78/5	78/5
			MCGRAM-HILL	74/2	74/6
			MEAD	38/5	38/7
			MEERK - CO	7/1/2	70/2
			MEDWORTH	29/4	29/4
			MERRILL LY	29/4	29/4
			MEFF OFFSH	1/4	1/5
			MOBIL OIL	50/6	50/5
			MONSANTO	100/0	99/5
			MONTANA PO	37/2	37/1
			MORGAN JP	38/2	38/0
			MORT THIO	46/3	46/1
			MOTOROLA	50/3	50/3
NAME	OPEN MID-DAY				
A BSCH CO	41/0	41/0			
ATLANTIC R	90/0	89/6			
AAR CORP	29/3	29/1			
ABBOTT LAB	60/0	60/0			
ACELF CLVD	10/4	10/3			
ADD CORO	9/0	9/0			
AGROF LAB	3/7	4/0			
AETNA LIFE	53/1	53/0			
AMHANNSON	19/7	19/6			
AIR PR-CHM	42/4	42/3			
ALASKA AIR	27/1	27/0			
ALBERTSONS	46/3	46/2			
ALPHA 8-16	0	82/6			
ALCAN ALUM	33/5	33/6			
ALCO STAND	29/2	29/0			
AM AP SEC	21/7	21/7			
AM CYANAMID	54/5	55/5			
AM FAMILY	17/7	17/6			
AM HOM PRO	93/7	93/7			
AM STDWARD	9/6	9/6			
AM STORES	60/2	60/2			
AM TEL-TEL	34/4	34/4			
AMOCO CORP	42/4	42/4			
AMP INC	43/6	43/6			
AMPCO PITT	14/4	14/4			
AMR CORP	63/6	63/7			
AMR GEN CO	35/7	35/7			
AMERADA NE	39/7	39/6			
ANTHONY ELE	10/6	10/6			
APACHE SEC	10/0	10/0			
APPAR 8-12	81/4	81/3			
ARMSTRONG	37/6	37/4			
ASRLUD OIL	41/3	41/2			
ASIA PACIF	11/5	11/4			
ATLS CORP	13/2	13/1			
AVERY INT	25/1	25/0			
AWNET INC	24/5	24/6			
AVON PRODS	40/3	40/1			
BCE INC	31/6	31/7			
BELLSOUTH	47/1	47/1			
BELO CP A	35/0	34/4			
BETH STEEL	23/0	23/0			
BEVERLY	8/4	8/5			
BNK BOSTON	25/3	25/3			
BNK BSTN-A	37/6	37/6			
BNK N-YORK	44/6	44/6			
BNK TR-NY	46/0	46/2			
BNKAMERICA	25/3	25/3			
BNKAN SPEC	6/1	6/2			
BOEING CO	81/0	82/3			
BOISE CASC	44/5	44/5			
BND IN BLD	7/0	7/0			
BORDEN	63/7	63/6			
BONATER	32/5	32/7			
BR TELECOM	45/6	45/5			
BRIGGS-HYR	27/4	27/4			
BRIST-STYR	50/6	50/6			
BRUNSWICK	21/6	21/6			
C 3 INC	11/6	11/6			
C HUD G-EL	21/2	21/2			
CABOT CORP	43/6	44/0			
CAESARS MO	32/4	32/2			
CAS FREIGHT	23/4	23/5			
CAS NAT GS	16/3	16/3			
CST-COOKS	33/6	33/1			
CATERPI TR	62/5	62/4			
CB1 IND	32/0	33/1			
CBS	193/4	193/1			
CENTEL CP	46/5	46/5			
CHAMP INTL	32/3	32/3			
CHAMP SPA	20/6	20/5			
CHARTER CO	4/6	4/5			
CHASE MAN	34/3	34/3			
CHENED CP	35/3	35/4			
CHENIC BNK	34/2	34/1			
CHEVRON	53/3	53/2			
CHRYSLER	24/3	24/3			
CHUBB CORP	68/3	68/2			
CHUR FR CH	5/1	5/0			
CIGNA CORP	53/3	53/4			
CIN MILACR	22/6	22/6			
CIR CIT ST	49/4	49/2			
CIRCLE K	14/3	14/2			
CITICORP	30/2	30/1			
CLARK EQUI	37/7	37/6			
CLOROX	35/7	35/7			
CNPBLL RES	12	12			
CNPBLL SP	41/6	41/5			
COB PACIFIC	18/2	18/1			
COACHMEN	8/6	8/6			
COASTAL	40/1	40/0			
COCA-COLA	56/6	56/6			
COLECO	1/0	1/1			
COLEMAN CO	0	73/7			
COLG-PALM CO	51/1	51/0			
COLGAS CO	39/5	39/5			
COLUMBUS C	0	111/0			
COM FLSN SON	33/3	33/3			
COMAGRA	34/3	34/3			
COM EDISON	47/7	48/0			
CONTINENTA	33/4	33/3			
CONTL ILLN	*02	*02			
CONTEL CP	56/4	56/3			
CONTR DATA	20/4	20/4			
COOPER T-R	27/6	27/6			
COOPER CON	4/5	4/4			

Now Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,453.63	+ 0.18	2,459.86	2,446.66
TRANS	1,137.45	- 1.62	1,142.14	1,136.16
UTILS	197.96	+ 1.36	198.02	196.54
STOCKS	936.06	+ 0.55	937.56	934.09
NYSE COMP	476.15	+ 0.23		
S-P COMPOSITE	315.77	+ 0.49		
NYSE INDS	212.69	+ 0.27		
AMEX INDEX	350.62	+ 0.70		
NASD COMP	436.82	+ 1.16		
NASD BANKING	460.18	+ 0:67		
NASD FIN'L	506.86	+ 0.24		
NASD INDS	432.93	+ 1.10		
S-P 100 INDEX	295.22	+ 0.44		

Test Statistics *Composite*

DOLLAR		AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME	
+	1/4	D W G CORP 14 3/8	- 1/8
-	1/4	AMDAHL CP 21 5/8	+ 5/8
-	1/4	DILLARD 55 1/4	UNCH
+	3/8	HONE SHOP 5 1/8	- 1/4
-	1 7/8	ECHO BAY 13 3/8	- 1/8
+	3/8	FIRST AUS 8 7/16	3/16
+	3/8	MORTANKERS 14 7/8	+ 1/8
+	UNCH	WANG LAB 8 1/4	- 1/8
+	5/8	TIE 1 3/8	UNCH
-	1/2	ALZA CORP 33	+ 1 1/4
IT CHANGE		AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE	
+	1/4	NEW LINE 8	+ 1
+	7/8	PRISM ENTE 2 3/4	+ 1/4
+	1 1/2	UNIV PATEN 6 1/4	+ 1/4
+	1 1/2	TII INDS 2 1/2	1 1/4
-	1 7/8	HUDSON GEN 18 3/8	- 1 3/8
99,508,090		AMEX VOLUME 5,477,760	
TIO 245		STOCKS UP	
594		STOCKS DOWN 209	
143,456,300			
1065			

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

FRANKFURT: The Republic of Ireland is issuing a 500 mln mark dual currency Eurobond with a 7-1/4 pct coupon at 100.25 for 10 years, lead manager Commerzbank AG said.

London: The World Bank is issuing a 10 billion peseta metador bond due June 21, 1994 paying a coupon of 12-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. in London said on behalf of lead manager J.P. Morgan España.

101-5/8 pct: lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd. said.

London: Shows Aluminium Corp. is issuing a 100 mln ECU Eurobond due June 22, 1993 paying a coupon of 8-7/8 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct for 10 years, lead manager WestLB said.

Düsseldorf: Mitsubishi Trust Australia Ltd. is issuing a 60 mln Australian dollar Eurobond with an 10-1/4 pct coupon at 101.90 for one year, lead manager WestLB said.

Amsterdam: The Dutch Finance Ministry said it put out to tender a 10-year government bond with a 7.5 pct coupon, compared with 7.0 pct coupons on the previous three issues.

Vienna: A long-running dispute over the Association of International Bond Dealers' Traxx trade matching system may end when Johannesberg, South Africa's foreign creditor banks have converted about two billion dollars of short-term debt into long-term loans, Reserve Bank officials said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	38.25	98	97. MUK IRON	111	109	106
ACC	330.50	327	319	GRIFC	127	38	36.50	NAT INDEX	380.52
ALEM CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIN	128	127.50	125	NIPPOON	37
ALM NIS	---	---	---	GSFC	143.75	142.50	145	MOCIL	820
ART FIB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	71.50	69	70.50	ORRAY	25.50
ASHOK LEY	84	83	84	GUJ HEAVY	13	11	12.50	OSVAL AGRO	80
ASIA PAINT	188.75	186.25	182.50	HERO HONDA	28	28	26	VEICOL	25
ATLAS COP	44	44	44	HIND CIBA	1000	990	960	PFIZER	75.50
AUTO CORP	85	85	85	HIND COCCA	106.25	103.75	104	PONDS	182.50
BAJAJ AUTO	377.50	370	370	HIND LEVER	82	82	81.50	PRAH AUTO	56
BAR RAYON	445	445	432.50	HIND MOTOR	41.25	41	40.50	RABAKY	115
BC BOND	145	143	143	HINDALCO	397.50	397.50	285	RAY VOL	79
BLOM PLAST	---	---	---	HOECHST	810	815	790	RECKITT	190
BOM DYE	144	143.75	141	IND ORG	37	37.50	36	RELANCE	126
BSE INDEX	734.94	---	---	IND RAYON	94	93	91	SESA GAO	47.50
BURR WEL	205	202.50	195	INDRDL	312.50	312.50	305	SHRI FIB	86
CANSHARE	190	185	180	INDERSOLL	350	335	345	SIEMENS	76
CEN ENKA	2590	2575	2550	ITC	104	104	98.75	SKF	1455
CEN SPG	1820	1800	1790	KJ SYN	81.50	81	79.50	SPIC	54.50
COLGATE	333.75	332.50	325	KIN ENGS	186.25	183.75	186.25	ST MILLS	270
CROMT GR	960	960	980	KIR CLUM	75	74	75	TATA CHEM	115.50
DEEP FERT	64	62.50	65	KSB PUMPS	425	420	435	TATA OIL	66.25
DUNLOP	92	88	90	LIPTON	70	70	70	TATA POW	335
EI HOTELS	55.25	54	55.50	MAC RUSSEL	110	105	110	TRAPP AGRO	---
ESKORTS	63.50	63	61.50	MAD COATS	100	98	100	TISCO	1322
ESKAYE	126.25	123.75	125	MAHINDRA	99	98.50	95	VAN ORG	166
ESSAR SPG	22.25	22.25	22	MAS SHARE	18.75	18.35	18.50	VARELI	28.75
FOOD SPG	57	52.50	53.75	MICO	620	610	600	VALETS	64.5
FORBES	72.50	72	70	NILEFOOT	247.50	250	240	VINCO	25.25
GAR POLY	99	75.75	75	NOOD	120	105	98.75	ZENITH	65
GE SHIPPING	40.25	40	39	MRF LTD	390	390	400	ZIARI AGRO	60

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	212.00	AG	212.00
ALLIANZ VR	171.00	ALM NIS	171.00
BADENWERK	189.00	ART FIB	189.00
BASF	369.00	ASHOK LEY	369.00
BAYER	252.00	ASIA PAINT	252.00
BAYER HYP	374.00	ATLAS COP	374.00
BAYER VER	375.00	AUTO CORP	375.00
BBC	442.00	BAJAJ AUTO	442.00
BFI	459.00	BAR RAYON	459.00
BHW	499.00	BC BOND	499.00
COMMERZBK	262.50	BLOM PLAST	262.50
COWI GUM	257.00	BOM DYE	257.00
DATHEI GUM	647.00	BSE INDEX	647.00
DEUTSC BK	522.50	BURR WEL	522.50
DLW	542.00	CANSHARE	542.00
DRESDNER B	314.00	CEN ENKA	314.00
DT BARCOFF	160.00	CEN SPG	160.00
FBN INDEX	565.00	COLGATE	565.00
FELDMUEHL	361.50	CROMT GR	361.50
GOLDSCHEIDT	380.00	DEEP FERT	380.00
HARPENBERG	454.00	DUNLOP	454.00
HOECHST AG	301.50	EI HOTELS	301.50
HOFER	241.50	ESKORTS	241.50
HORTEN	253.00	ESKAYE	253.00
HUSSEL HLD	557.00	ESSAR SPG	557.00
KALI SALZ	208.00	FOOD SPG	208.00
KARSTADT	5080	FORBES	5080
KAUFHOFF	4590	GAR POLY	4590
KLOECK H	1660	GE SHIPPING	1660
KLOECK W	1690		
LINDE	716.00		
LUFTHANSA	166.00		
MAN	278.00		
MANNESMAN	228.00		
MERCEDES	503.00		
METALLGES	409.00		
NIXDORF PF	314.00		
NORSK HYD	46.50		
PHILIP KON	0		
PORSCHE	700.00		
PREUSSAG	255.00		
PWA	292.00		
RHEINMETAL	413.00		
RUE P	281.00		
RUE P	240.50		
SALAMANDER	324.50		
SCHERING	638.00		
SEL	312.50		
SIEMENS	514.50		
TUVSEN	244.30		
VARTA	370.50		
VEBA	290.50		
VEW	169.40		
VOLKSWAGEN	341.80		

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
BANK EA	18.00	CAVENDISH	9.95
CATHAY	9.95	CHIEUNG K	11.10
CHINA L-P	14.90	DAIRY FARM	7.65
EVERGO IND	3.05	FT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	246.41	G S INDEX	246.41
HAECO	23	HANG LUNG	6.50
HENDERSON	6.65	HEWLETT	6.65
HK BANK	6.50	HK ELEC	8.10
HK GAS	20.80	HK LAND	10.10
HK TELECOM	5.55	HK HOTEL	6.10
HOPEWELL	3.07	HUTCHINSON	12.00
HS BANK	26.50	HYAND DEV	1.66
JAR MATH	24.20	JSH	14.30
KON BUS	910	LAT SUN	168
MIRAMAR	9.10	MIRAMAR	9.10
NEW WORLD	14.30	PAUL Y CON	1.45
SHK PRO	14.90	STELLUX	3.10
SWIRE A	22.80	TAI CHEUNG	5.45
TVB	1.31	WHAIR	12.00
WINSOR	10.50	WORLD INTL	5.30

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AG	212.00	AG	212.00
ALLIANZ VR	171.00	ALM NIS	171.00
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COWI GUM	257.00	BOM DYE	257.00
DATHEI GUM	647.00	BSE INDEX	647.00
DEUTSC BK	522.50	BURR WEL	522.50
DLW	542.00	CANSHARE	542.00
DRESDNER B	314.00	CEN ENKA	314.00
DT BARCOFF	160.00	CEN SPG	160.00
FBN INDEX	565.00	COLGATE	565.00
FELDMUEHL	361.50	CROMT GR	361.50
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Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO, MAY 17, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED SLIGHTLY FIRMER, TURNOVER WAS LIGHT, AND TRADE MARK-RELATED. THERE WERE SOME SELLERS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE MARKET, BUT MOST SAID OUT AGAIN TODAY TO WATCH FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNCERTAIN POLITICAL AND CURRENCY RATE SITUATIONS, BROKERS SAID.

"IT IS NOT A WEAK MARKET. BUYING IS WAITING ON THE SIDELINES," SAID KAZUMA KITAI, DIRECTOR OF JAPANESE EQUITIES AT COUNTY NATWEST SECURITIES JAPAN LTD.

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX FIRMED 66.00 POINTS, OR 0.19 PCT, TO 33,992.45. IT MOVED BETWEEN A HIGH OF 34,039.72 IN EARLY AFTERNOON TRADE AND A LOW 33,946.85 NEAR THE CLOSE.

THE NIKKEI SURGED 210.16 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

RISES LED FALLS BY SIX TO FIVE WITH 477 ISSUES HIGHER, 385 LOWER AND 212 UNCHANGED IN TURNOVER OF 800 MLN SHARES AGAINST 600 MLN ON TUESDAY.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, FIRMED 3.32 TO 2,523.45 AFTER GAINING 14.44 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

BUYING HAS BEEN SPOADIC. THERE IS LITTLE ACTION ON A SECTOR BY SECTOR BASIS," SAID ONE BROKER.

THE MAIN GAINERS WERE SECURITIES, SHIPBUILDING, SERVICE, RAILWAY/BUS, PHARMACEUTICAL, CREDIT/LEASE, ROLLING STOCK, PULP/PAPER, RETAIL AND REAL ESTATE SHARES.

THE MAIN LOSERS WERE BANK, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, GAS, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, MINING, OIL AND WAREHOUSE ISSUES.

"THERE IS A FEELING WE ARE NEARING THE END OF THE POLITICAL TURMOIL FOR THE TIME BEING," SAID KITAI AT COUNTY NATWEST. "THE WORST THING FOR THE MARKET IS UNCERTAINTY."

INVESTORS WERE WAITING TO SEE IF FORMER PRIME MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE WILL TESTIFY BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

SOURCES IN THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) SAID TODAY THAT NAKASONE WILL LIKELY TESTIFY BEFORE PARLIAMENT ON MAY 24 ABOUT HIS ROLE IN THE RECRUIT SHARE SCANDAL.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, MAY 17, REUTER - PRICES OF BLUE CHIPS FELL FURTHER IN THE AFTERNOON, ENDING AT THE DAY'S LOWS ON NEWS THAT STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WERE DIRECTING THEIR PROTESTS AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S TOP LEADER DENG XIAOPING, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX LOST 43.09 POINTS, OR 1.3 PCT, TO 3,246.41.

"FUND MANAGERS IN LONDON ARE TUNING THEIR RADIOS TO LIVE BROADCASTS FROM PEKING," A BROKER WITH A U.S. SOURCE SAID.

"SHARE PRICES WERE JUST FALLING THROUGH LACK OF BUYING SUPPORT."

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AL-ADDIN COMPANY		
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		
ARAB BANK		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER		
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.41	2.72
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.11
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.62	0.62
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.06	1.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS		
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.35	2.30
ARAB PAPER CON/IND		
ARAB PHARMA,MAINF		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN		
BELTUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.46	0.44
DAR AL SHAAB IND.		
FINANCE/INVEST/IND.		
GENERAL INVESTMENT	0.75	0.71
GENERAL INVESTING CORP	4.60	4.40
GENERAL INVESTING	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND. MATCH JEMCO		
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BNK		
INDUSTRIAL/CON/AGR.		
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. CON/INV	0.13	0.13
ISLAND ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90
ISLAND PETROL/CH	0.64	0.64
JERUSALEM INS.		
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	2.04	2.02
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.49	1.49
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.99	1.01
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.32
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.40	2.42
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.22

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Bangladesh Art Show
UPTO May 27, Bangladeshi artist Moirat Islam will show 45 paintings at the Kuwait National Museum. Islam's paintings revolve around the life of Bangladeshis. Landscapes are also on show. The exhibition will be open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 7.30 pm. It has been organised by the Bangladesh Association.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
KUWAIT Singers present "Stage Struck" an evening of show songs from Broadway and the West End at Gulf English School, Salwa on Wednesday 24th May and Thursday 25th May at 8.00 pm. Price KD3 to include refreshments. For reservations please phone 5317433/5384873.

Geet and Ghazals
The Geet and Ghazals concert, Bhoolay Bisray Geet, due to be held on May 19 at the Sharq auditorium has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. A new date will be announced later.

Stage struck

KUWAIT Singers are presenting "Stage Struck", a salute to the enduring traditions of the musical theatre on Wednesday and Thursday next week at the Gulf English School in Salwa.

The singers will present a selection of music from great stage productions of the last 100 years.

The programme will include a range from classical light operas of Webber, Lehara and of course Gilbert and Sullivan, through to the great Broadway production of the '30s and '40s to the long-running hits of today.

The programme will probably include individual favourites and perhaps a few of the tunes will become new favourites before it ends.

The musicals that today enliven the New York and London stage carry on traditions that extend back to the light operas of the 19th century, the Victorian Music Hall and the American Vaudeville Theatre.

Among all art forms, the musical theatre is one of those most demanding of talent. Putting together a musical requires the combined efforts of the lyricist, the director, the set designer, the costume designer, the choreographer, to say nothing of the actors, singers and dancers who display their talent at every performance. For details see What's On.

FILMS

British Council
MAY 20/21 (6.30 pm): "A Room With a View," an adaptation of E.M. Forster's novel will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. Featuring an incomparable cast, recipient of three Oscars, it tells the story of Lucy Honeychurch (Helena Bonham-Carter), a beautiful young English girl abroad, whose emotions are rocked when she witnesses a murder, and whose life is forever altered by the sudden and mysterious arrival of a passionate young man. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 252-2327.

Children's film
May 24 (6 pm): May 25 (10.30 am): Heidi, a BBC production of one of the most popular children's stories, is set amidst the scenery of the Swiss Alps. It is about Heidi, a young orphan, who is taken to live with her grandfather in the mountains, unexpectedly, she has to leave her beloved mountains and live with a strange family in the city. This children's film will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

SOCIAL

Ex-Tho get-together
MAY 18: Roorkee University Alumni Association will have a family get-together. For details contact tele. 2551305 or 5631325.

Casuals Cricket Club
MAY 18: 8 pm, Messiah Beach Hotel. Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close CBE, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music and entertainment. Information call: 3904817; 2644863; 3903879; 3920165.

One-act play
MAY 25: IAC one-act play competition awards will be held at 7 pm for participants. Participating teams contact

hold a "celebrity" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

ACT play
MAY 18: ACT presents a play by Raymond Briggs, "When the Wind Blows" at the Mousetrap Theatre in Jabriya at 8 pm both days. For reservations call: 5620332, 4-8 pm.

Summer Bazaar
MAY 19: 2.00 pm, St Pauls Ahmadi, grand summer bazaar at the new British Consulate in the British Embassy grounds, sale of handicrafts, paperbacks, preserves good as new, plants, bottle stall, white elephant, numerous fun side shows etc. Plus prize draw for British Airways round trip ticket Kuwait-London, Delhi, Madras or Karachi.

Arabian Nights
MAY 19: Arabian Nights evening at the Jawhara Nightclub, Messiah Beach Hotel. Dress: Middle Eastern, past or present; 20 costume prizes; cocktail dinner. 9 pm. Tel: 4847461 or leave message on 2614201.

Jukebox 5
MAY 23-25: The Sounds Great production of Jukebox 5, will be presented at the Salmiya Cinema at 8 pm and also at 5 pm on May 25. For reservations ring 5740256/7 (mornings and 4 to 7 pm) or 5718143 or 5731782. Tickets will be on sale at Salmiya Cinema Box Office from May 14.

Indian Arts Circle
MAY 25: The IAC will hold a one-hour variety show, followed by prize-distribution ceremony for the winners of the One-Act Play Competition, recently conducted by them.

The names of the winners will be announced on May 25 at the ceremony, which will be followed by dinner. For reservations call 3904817; 2644863; 3903879; 3920165.

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P.C. George at 4739359 for passes.

Mando Festival
MAY 26: For the first time in the history of Goans in Kuwait - Kuwait Konkani Kendr (KKK) is going to organise a Konkani Mando Festival at Hotel Meridien starting at 10.30 am. For details please contact 2644983.

Sultan Gallery
UPTO May 31: Exhibition of painting of the papyrus by Egyptian artist Adam Henein. Opening hours 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the Thumayan Alghanim Building, Soor Street.

German Week
MAY 23, Tuesday: Opening reception for anniversary, exhibition and German Week given by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany at 7.00 pm at the Regency Palace hotel ballroom "Sheikha".

MAY 24, Wednesday: German Gala Night with German food buffet, musicians and other entertainments, ballroom "Sheikha" at 8.00 pm. Exhibition hours are from 9.30 am until 1.00 pm and from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

MAY 26, Friday: International Children's Day from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm in the ballroom "Sheikha" of the Conference Centre Building. Exhibition hours are from 9.30 am to 9.00 pm.

MAY 27, Saturday: Siemens - 30 years in Kuwait. Reception at 7.30 pm in the ballroom "Sheikha" of the Conference Centre Building. Exhibition hours are from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Konkani Drama
JUNE 15, 16: Nashibcho Divo Paloulo, the Konkani drama which has been scheduled to stage on May 18 and 19 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. The MAR productions drama, directed by Prem Kumar, now plans to stage on June 15 and 16 at 4.00 pm at Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes please contact Raja Stores, tele. 2412970.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV1	9.45 Children magazine	11.30 News in Brief
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran	10.30 Fayezi Al Tush: Arabic serial	11.45 Magazine D'actualite
9.15 Cartoons	11.00 Songs	
9.45 Tum Ya Wa Al Arab	11.15 Nuns Prayers: Live	
10.30 Al Amira Al Jamila: English film (The Princess of Pea)	1.00 News in Brief	
12.20 Fi Ribah Al Tariya: local programme	1.05 World News via Satellite	
1.00 Arabic News Summary	2.00 Cultural Programme	
1.05 The World News Via Satellite	2.15 In Search Of: Adventure serial	
1.35 Varieties	3.30 Cartoons	
2.30 Cultural Film	4.00 Arabic feature film	
4.00 Cartoons	6.00 Songs	
4.30 Liqa' Al Khamis	6.15 Kuwait in a Week	
7.30 Min Al Fan Al Shabi: Popular Arts	7.05 Weekly programme review	
8.30 Ma'a Al Islam	7.40 Family programme	
9.00 News in Arabic	8.45 Weekly talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar	
10.45 Asr Al Hub: Arabic feature film, starring Mahmood Yaseen, Suhair Ramzi, Shahira, Tahya Kar-youka	9.00 News in Arabic	
	9.45 Wrestling	
	11.45 News in brief	
	11.50 World News Via Satellite	
KTV2		
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran		
6.10 Denver In The Chips: Cartoon serial for children		
6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club		
7.00 The Munters Today: "Flyweight Champion"		
7.30 TNT: "Latest Development"		
8.00 News in English		
8.30 Beauty and the Beast		
9.30 Paul Daniel's Magic Show		
10.30 Feature Film		
12.30 News in brief		
12.45 Magazine D'actualite		
FRIDAY		
4.00 Opening and Holy Quran		
4.10 Centurions: A cartoon serial for children		
4.30 Italian Football		
5.30 The American Basketball		
6.30 Inter Bank "Appointment in Rome" Where they discover that even the fountains are slow		
7.00 Startrek "Conspiracy"		
8.00 News in English		
8.30 Breaking Away		
8.45 Big League Soccer (The English soccer)		
9.30 The Charmings		
10.00 Tales From The Dark-side		
10.30 Blue Blood "Bounty"		
PRAYERS		
Fajr	3.24 am	
Zuhr	11.44	
Asr	3.26 pm	
Maghreb	6.35	
Isha	8.02	
FRIDAY		
Fajr	3.23 am	
Friday Prayers	11.44	
Asr	3.26 pm	
Maghreb	6.36	
Isha	8.03	



Minral Sen guides Ultra Baoker and Roopa for 'Ek Din Achanak'.



Satyajit Ray directs Ruma Guha and Soumitra in his latest film 'Ganashatru'.

Art film scene hoting up

Ray, the master, back in form again

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

THE art film scene in India is hotting up again with two of the foremost directors completing their new masterpieces and awaiting the results. For long, Satyajit Ray and Minral Sen have been known for cradling off-beat cinema, primarily in their own tongue Bengali and occasionally in Hindi.

Pure cinema of art, realism and lyricism started with Satyajit Ray's *Pather Panchali* in 1955. Ray for the first time created universal appeal out of provincial ethos and made the world aware that Indian cinema can also be true and uncompromising. He is the filmmaker, who has won the maximum international awards and honours, the latest being the legend of honour presented by the French President, to him in Calcutta.

After his last film *Ghare Baire* (Home and the World), Ray was forced to withdraw due to ill health. Imagine a creative genius whose only joy is to make films being deprived of the work which is after his own heart. Yet, Ray did not lose heart. He kept himself busy with his son Sandip's TV serials, some literary writing and editing of a children's magazine, apart from a short documentary on his poet father.

When the doctors at last gave the green signal, he picked himself up. He wanted to film a story by himself called *Sakha Parsakha*. But the doctors had warned him against too much movement, travelling or outdoor shooting. So he chose Henrik Ibsen's 100 years old play, *An Enemy of the People*, which could be completely filmed on indoor sets. Adapted totally to Indian conditions, the Bengali film *Ganashatru* will be Ray's 26th, in 35 years of his career, at the age of 67.

During my visit to Calcutta, I had met Ray at Indraprasth Studio as he was about to complete his last shooting on the set of a temple. Ray revealed: "I have done the whole thing using four major and some minor studio sets. The play is completely adapted to the atmosphere in India, or rather a small town in Bengal, with the characters having the Indian ethos in our context. The play only provides a base."

The film was honoured with a special entry by invitation at the current Cannes festival

and is expected to be released in India around October. The stageplay was done for the theatre by European film directors and is still popular on the London stage.

The central role of the scientist Dr Stockmann has been changed to Dr Ashoke Gupta, played by Ray's favourite actor Soumitra Chatterji who has done a dozen films with him. It is a struggle of honesty and progressive thinking against corruption and archaic social evils.

Ray wants to say that today there are more people favouring evil (against their own conscience) and thus opposing the lone fighters for truth. That is how the doctor becomes an enemy of the people, for whose benefit he is waging the whole war.

Ray started shooting in December and the principal lensing was over by February, a record as well as a lesson to others. Ray kept up his medical schedule, along with his sense of humour. "My heart specialist decided that I should make this film. It would be less of a strain and he would always keep me here under close scrutiny," he said while chatting to some foreign visitors on the set.

But Ray also asserted that the old European theme is absolutely suited to the present situation, mainly in West Bengal, where drinking water often gets polluted leading to disease and death. The Norwegian spa with bad water supply in Ibsen's play has been changed to a temple where the pipes are in a bad condition. The angle of religion adds a new controversial dimension to the story, since vested interests always mislead people on this basis. It is also Ray's answer to Raj Kapoor's *Ram Teri Ganga Maali*, where a sexy damsel was made a symbol of the polluted Ganges River, which is considered holy.

Ray has also worked harder on the doctor's domestic and human relationships. His wife (Ruma Guha) and daughter (Mamta Shankar) support him, but his younger brother (Dhritiman Chatterji) takes a stand against him along with some shrewd townsmen who oppose the temple being closed and the water cleaned. Yet the young folk of the place help the doctor and make their voice felt. Also involved is a newspaper editor whose policy wavers. The film is made at an amazingly low cost of one and a half lakh dollars or Rs 23

lakhs. But it is sure to bring in rich rewards of quality as well as collections from the world market.

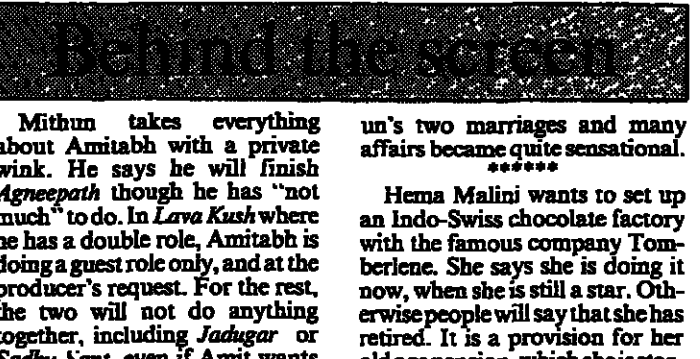
The other leading director Minral Sen, the stormy doyen of Indian cinema, has also made his 26th film within a span of 33 years. It is *Ek Din Achanak* made in Hindi with stars of Bombay and Bengal and mainly meant for Indian TV. But being made on celluloid, the 105 minute film will also be exploited theatrically and internationally. It met a small set-back when rejected at the recent Berlin festival, on the grounds of having no subtitles, another case of bungling by the NFDC which has produced it.

Anyway, Sen is not the type to keep mum. He is sure to travel to different lands with the sub-titled print or cassette and snap up some deals as well as awards.

The film titled *Suddenly One Day*, in English, deals with a poignant family situation, where the aged father goes out on a rainy evening and does not return. Days, weeks and months pass but there is no sign of him. The family members, who had always taken the retired scholar for granted, now begin to re-think about what went wrong.

The film is structured to show the mother, the three young ladies and the others close to the man, trying to remember their relationships with him. And each time the old man appears in fragmented flash-backs with the periods all mixed up. This study of the past and present provides a new insight into the man's character and a new 'story' emerges. But its truth is still kept a mystery. Sen says with an enigmatic smile: "Every one of us, big or small, has an area of mediocrity. When we become aware of it, we face a crisis in life. Mine is a human commitment for a continuous search of oneself."

Like Ray, Sen has also made a largely studio-based film, with a few outdoors, like scenes of the city of Calcutta observing a strike. But he has made up for this with an array of starry names like Shriram Lagu, (in the character role), Shabana Azmi, Aparna Sen, Ultra Baoker and Roopa Ganguly (who has become more famous as Draupadi of TV serial 'Mahabharat'). Let's hope the two art films again put India prominently on the world film map.



Mithun and Amitabh: a private wink



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Mithun takes everything about Amitabh with a private wink. He says he will finish *Agneepath* though he has "not much" to do. In *Lava Kush* where he has a double role, Amitabh is doing a guest role only, and at the producer's request. For the rest, the two will not do anything together, including *Jadugar* or *Sadhu Sant*, even if Amit wants it.

Most people pitied Zarina Wahab when her marriage with Aadiya broke up. But the blunt Asha Sachdev put it straight: "If you marry a boy half your age and double your height, how can you expect it to be a happy match?" The question is why did Aadiya prefer to wed Zarina. Second question is why Asha Sachdev herself has not married

anyone of any age or height. But does Shabana treat her domestic servants well? Insiders answer with a firm "No." On the one hand Mithun and Govinda are reducing their prices and on the other Anil Kapoor is raising it. He says he is a 3-hits hero and wants Rs40 lakhs, with 25 in advance. Now producers have to wait till Anil becomes a 3-flops hero.

THERE has been a great deal of talk about Senators and Congressmen for speaking engagements. The government ethics people have taken the view that these honorariums could be considered bribes rather than payment for the oratory skills that our legislators are famous for.

This is not true. You can't buy a lawmaker for \$2,000. I know this because I have attended many conventions and meetings where members of Congress have been the featured speakers. I have never seen one of them compromised because of his lecture fee. It's not money that gets to all our lawmakers but flattery, which is inflicted on them from the day they arrive to the day they leave.

Here is the kind of stuff politicians bear when they go to a business convention as VIP guests of their sponsors:

"Senator, that was the greatest drive I've ever seen on this course. You're a born Jack Nicklaus."

"I read your book, Congressman, and your ideas are mind-blowing."

The Art Buchwald Column

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"Mrs Senator, I hear that besides being a devoted mother, a wonderful cook and a loyal wife, you are also interested in establishing a day-care centre for household pets. This is the kind of cause our company's foundation has been looking for."

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"Senator, your son and daughter are just great. We wish every American kid had the manners they do."

"Senator Backdate, the reason we respect you is because you are a regular guy, and people in the savings and loan industry know a regular guy when they see one."

"Touchdown, Senator! You won the game."

"Congressman, you really made our convention, just by being here. I hope you don't get upset when our members give you a standing ovation."

"Senator, why don't you and your lovely wife take my private plane back to Washington, or any other place that you would like to go. This is not a bribe. It's just our company's way of saying thanks to a great American and the sharpest lawmaker in the land."

So, forget the money. If you want to know what is corrupting lawmakers, it's kind words - but so far no one has been able to prove that ego-massaging a legislator is a crime. 1989, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

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A child with a gift



LAST Sunday the JUNIOR TIMES was honoured when a young reader, Selma Dervisberg, accepted an invitation to make a very special visit.

Selma is a lively nine-year-old who goes to Junior 2 of the New English School. Selma has a very special talent which distinguishes her from all the other boys and girls in her class. She is a pianist.

She started playing the piano, under her mother's influence (who also loves music and playing the piano), since she was four-and-a-half-year old. She enjoyed learning how to play this grand instrument and thereby continued practising and taking lessons.

Now she takes a weekly one-hour lesson, but if you hear her perform you will probably feel she is in no need for tutoring. If time permits, she practises every day; however if she is tight on time, she practises once every other day but for a longer interval.

Although Selma is very fond of Mozart and Chopin, she listens to a lot of pop music as well. She likes many groups and singers but her favourite is the famous Michael Jackson.

Besides playing the piano, Selma enjoys reading (she never misses the JUNIOR TIMES!), playing sports, especially tennis and ice-skating. The latter enjoyed best on real ice in her homeland Yugoslavia.

This fascinating young girl also loves animals and has a pet parrot whom she is currently teaching how to speak.

Selma, we salute you!

Happy birthday

Beerta Kaur Sethi celebrates her 7th birthday today. Best wishes from family and relatives.



Amazing facts

A half-breed fox terrier living in Sydney, Australia hates cats and has killed ten, but has kidnapped a ginger kitten and looks after it like a puppy and won't give it up to its mother.

Before 1920 it was rare for trucks to move faster than 10 mph.

Pepi II was Pharaoh in Egypt for ninety-four years.

In 1958 Joy Foster became the table-tennis singles and mixed-doubles champion of Jamaica when she was eight.

A mole can dig a tunnel 100 yards long in a single night.

Rasputin 'the mad monk' was finally drowned after he had survived frequent attempts to poison him. To make sure he was dead he was also beaten with an iron bar and shot twice.

Water is still brought to the town of Segovia in Spain by an aqueduct built in A.D. 110 by the Romans.

The modern jury system was originated by William the Conqueror who set up juries of 12 men in each district to assure honest tax payments.

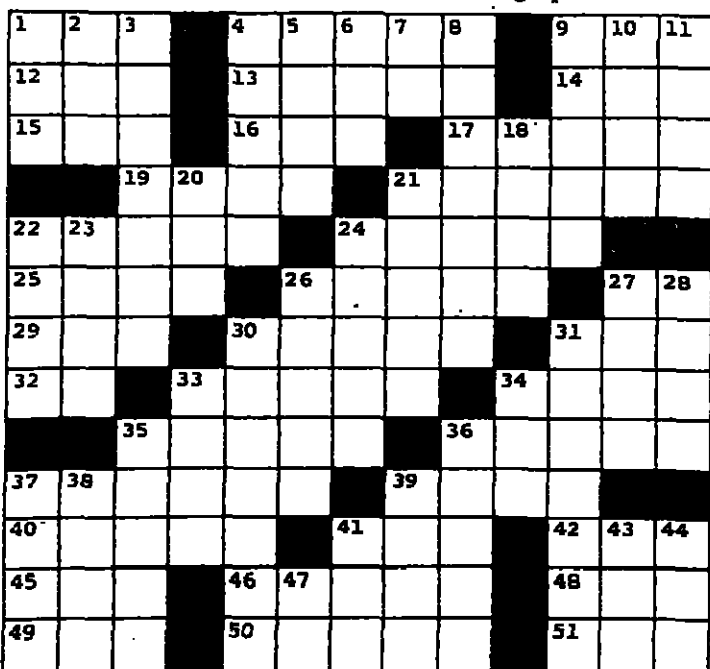
CROSSWORD

Across

1. Chum
4. Moved, as the wind
8. Vended
12. Cold cubes
13. Rant; storm
14. Waiter's item
15. Meshed material
17. Skier's "inn"
18. Small nail
19. "Peace" bird
20. Courage; spirit
22. Freedom
25. Defeat

Down

26. Arms or legs
27. The man
28. Pub brew
29. Bee's product
30. Pekoe, for one
31. — and fro
32. Circular plates
33. Cat's sound
34. Hits
36. Warning signal
37. Large monkeys
38. Unluck
39. Tosses, as a coin
41. Dried grapes



Just for laughs!

"I could marry anyone I please."
"So why don't you?"
"I haven't pleased anyone yet."

"I want to get married, vicar."

"So you want me to put the banis up?"

"No, we thought we'd just have a concertina after tea."

To everyone's astonishment the middle-aged spinster announced her engagement.

"But I thought you said all men were stupid," said one of her friends, "and that you'd never marry?"

"Yes, I did," she replied, "but then I found one who asked me."

George had reached the age of forty-six, and not only was he still unmarried but he had never even had a girlfriend. "Come along now, George," said his father. "It's high time you got yourself a wife and settled down. Why, at your age I'd been married twenty years."

"But that was to Mum," said his son. "You can't expect me to marry a stranger!"

Harry was madly in love with Betty, but couldn't pluck up enough courage to pop the question face to face. Finally he decided to ask her on the telephone. "Darling!" he blurted out, "will you marry me?"

"Of course, I will, you silly boy," she replied, "Who is it speaking?"

Poor old Steve sent his photograph off to a Lonely Hearts Club. They sent it back saying they weren't that lonely...

I think my wife is trying to tell me something," said the unfortunate husband, "— she keeps wrapping my sandwiches in a road map!"

Young Andrew was being interviewed by his girlfriend's father. "So," said that august personage, "you want to be my son-in-law, do you?"
"Not particularly," said Andrew tactlessly, "but if I want to marry your daughter I haven't much choice, have I?"

"My wife's an angel — she's never got anything to wear, she's always up in the air and forever harping on about something..."

"Do you think, Professor, that my wife should take up the piano as a career?"

"No, I think she should put down the lid as a favour."

44. Relieve
45. Scorch
46. Fruit seed
47. Large pitcher
48. Not as much
49. Secret agent

1. Brooch
2. Highest card
3. Salad green
4. "Follow the yellow — road"
5. Lean
6. Hen product
7. You and I
8. Kitchen features
9. Command
10. Fall behind
11. Tint
16. Cistern
17. Hotel's public area
19. Small coins
20. Venetian blind parts
21. Jet "driver"
22. Chain parts
23. In that place
24. Long (for)
26. Fails to win
29. Walks in woods
30. Root vegetables
32. Ladle
33. Bakery items
35. Lift up
36. Twirls
38. Boat paddles
39. Charge; set cost
40. Statute
41. Regret
42. Pinch
43. Pigs' digs
45. Bale; abbr.

KACH thank the UAS

By Manal Elshelkh
Arab Times staff

ON Sunday, May 14, Margaret, Al Sayer, and a few of the other volunteers of Kuwait Association for Children in Hospital (KACH) met Ken Parker and Nahida Zikrayan, the elementary school headmaster and the activities director of the Universal American School (UAS) Kuwait. Together, the group visited several of the elementary classrooms to collect children's donations of toys, books and money.

Of the many classes that participated in the donations, grade 4-4 and grade 6-1 were appointed as the most enthusiastic.

We took this opportunity to speak to a few of the donors and find out how they really felt about giving away some

of their belongings.

Reema Karam

Grade 4-4

Donated both toys and books. She was not sad that she gave them to the hospital as she felt that she had grown out of them.

Dana Al Awqati

Grade 4-4

Donated toys. She didn't mind giving the toys away at all as she has a whole room full of toys and so she did not need them.

Priya Padmanabhan

Grade 4-4

Priya donated toys and books. She was glad she gave away her things because she did not need them and felt that those in hospital will be happier

with them — she has lots more!

Zahair Beidoum

Grade 4-4

Donated toys and books; again this young man was pleased that he was donating his things as he has lots of toys and is not in need of them all.

Abdul Qadir Al Samadi

Grade 4-4

Donated books. Abdul Qadir read the books so frequently that he was glad to see them go so that other children could enjoy them too.

Mark Tanas

Grade 4-4

Donated books. He was sad to see the books go but felt that it was for a good cause and hopes that those who

read them will be as happy with them as he was.

All of the eight and nine-year olds wish those in hospital a fast recovery and hope they enjoy their hospital visits.

The volunteers left the UAS with bags full of toys and books and an envelope of money. For them hard work was yet to come. Now all the toys and books were to be sorted out, cleaned and introduced to those in the hospital.

KACH would like to take this opportunity to thank the UAS and all the children for their kindness.

If you would like to donate to the association leave a message and your telephone number at the Amiri hospital's Public Relations Department. It is as simple as that!



Mark



Dana



Priya



Reema



Abdul Qadir



Above: Margaret Al Sayer with some of the sixth grade donors.

Right: Some of the volunteers (behind) with some of the donors and their donations.

Photographs: Javed Basra

Firsts and lasts

The first elephants on earth were tiny when compared with the dinosaurs; they were only as big as a pig. Now the average elephant weighs five and a half tonnes (over seventy times the weight of the average man). Elephants do not lie down to sleep so for up to fifty years they stay on their feet.

Before 1973, the last time rain fell in the Desierto de Atacama was over 400 years ago.

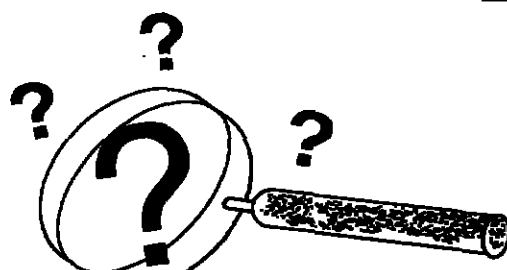
The first name of the Queen's father was Albert. However, he chose the name George, when he became king in 1936, out of respect for his great grandmother, Queen Victoria, who had requested that no future king of England should have the same name as her husband, Prince Albert.

The Chinese were the first to use fingerprints as a method of identification as far back as 700 AD.

People in Iceland are listed in telephone directories by their first names, not their surnames.

Cryptoquizzes

A cryptoquiz is a list of related words put into a simple code. Spot familiar words by their "patterns" of repeated or double letters, and you can solve the rest, for if a G stands for M in one word, it will be the same throughout the list. A new code is used for each cryptoquiz.



CLOAK-AND-DAGGER FOLK

Example: intelligence officers

O E B S O

Q S R S Y R B G S O

L A Q S I Y X G S I

C U S A R O

Y X L A R S I O E B S O

Q X L P F S C U S A R O

X E S I C R B G S O

B A G S O R B U C R X I O

O F S L R M O

"U L T O M X S O"

HAIRSTYLES

Example: bob

Z G N H Z J I

Z R L B F S F

"T S R M H D"

E L B I M L A V

E S F W I M L A V

U G M L C V

C J Z D I M L A

"P A M I S E"

E S T E M C S J C

E M B N U S W

Poem

THE DODO

The Dodo used to walk around,
And take the sun and air.
The sun yet warms his native ground—
The Dodo is not there!

The voice which used to squawk and squeak
Is now forever dumb—
Yet may you see his bones and beak
All in the Mu-se-um.

Hilaire Belloc

Dear Junior readers,

During the summer, many of us may become a little lazy and neglect exercise due to Kuwait's well known heat. Staying at home and watching the video all day is not a good idea though.

Your brain needs regular exercise. This can be obtained via sensible reading and mind games or puzzles.

Try to read as much as you can. Read anything you get your hands on: a novel, magazine, newspaper, or even a dictionary. This will improve your vocabulary and help you get out of sticky situations by quick thinking.

Kuwait currently has quite a few excellent bookshops with a grand variety of books and magazines to choose from.

Mind games may sound rather boring but we really enjoy most of them without actually realising their advantages. Such games include the very

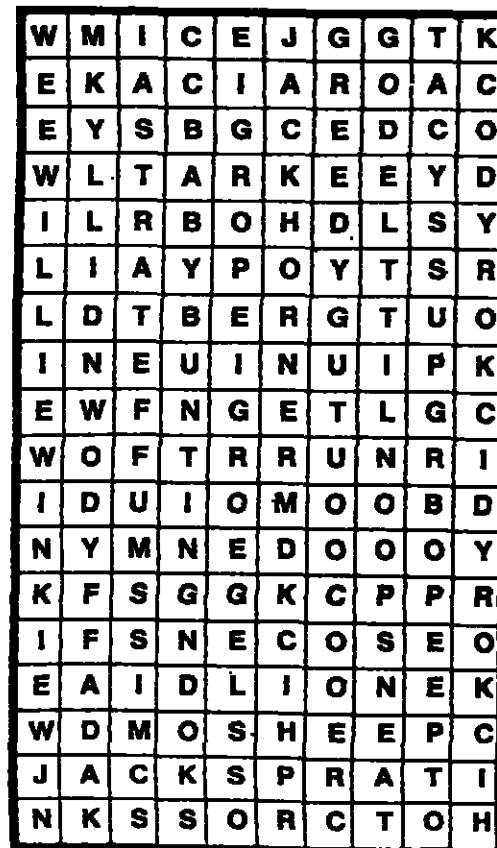
popular chess, master mind, cludo, monopoly and many of the other board games. Believe it or not even spot the difference is mind ticking!

Colouring is another healthy way of spending your time. Even if you do not know how to draw there are printed pictures, for the younger of you, and printed designs for the elder. Try colouring when you are in different moods: happy, aggressive, cheerful, upset, disappointed, frustrated or bored. Write your mood in pencil on the back of the paper and then you may be able to see contrasts in the colours you use and the moods you were in. For example when you are angry you may have used dark blues and blacks but while you were happy perhaps you used yellows, oranges, reds and greens!

Do not neglect your brain cells during the summer, if you do getting back to school work will be so much more difficult.
Manal

Word search

NURSERY RHYMES



HOT CROSS

JACK HORNER
JACK SPAT

LION
LITTLE DOG

MICE
MISS MUFFET

PLUM
PUSSY CAT

SHEEP
SPOON

TARTS

WEE WILLIE WINKIE

BABY BUNTING
BO-FEEP

CAKE
CLOCK
CROOKED MAN

DAFFY-DOWN-DILLY
DING, DONG

GEORGIE PORGIE
GREEDY-GUT

HICKORY, DICKORY,
DOCK

Clue: Moon jumper! (3 letters)

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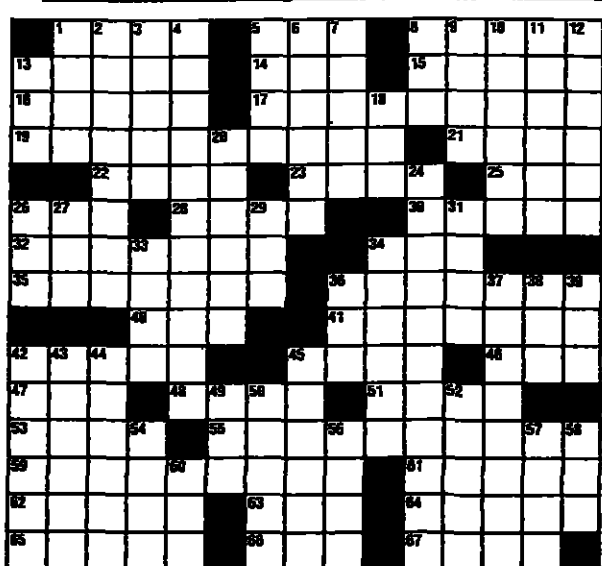
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 - 180 degrees
 - Norse saga
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 - Quixote
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 - 12 Plunderer
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 - 18 Greek letter
 - 20 Most arid
 - 24 The good life
 - 26 Labor org.
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 - 34 Cossack chief
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
DOUBLE TROUBLE

East-West vulnerable. North

NORTH
♠ A 9 5 2
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 7
♣ A Q J 9 4

WEST
♠ K J 7 6 4
♥ J 7 5 3 2
♦ Void
♣ 7 6 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 3
♥ K 9 6 4
♦ 10 8 6 5 3
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ A
♦ A K Q J 9 4 2
♣ K 10 8 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 7 NT Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣
To double a freely-bid slam for penalties is an act of folly. If the opponents are relatively sane, the most you can hope for is down one, or with bad breaks, down two. It is far more sensible to follow Theodore Lightner's advice and use the double as a lead-director, calling for an unusual lead, generally dummy's first-bid suit. But even that can backfire once in a while.

The two criteria for a jump shift

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
SHOP APHIS CALM
WAVE PRICE ELIA
INAPPLEPIEORDER
GEL ALL DREADS
ANTH AISEA
ORANGE MARMALADE
NOTTS FLED GIN
TOSS SETON ARAT
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SPORTS

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Tough Pirates sink Reds

Kramer pitches one-hitter

NEW YORK, May 17, (AP) Randy Kramer pitched a one-hitter yesterday in his fourth Major-League start, allowing only Ron Oester's two-out double in the eighth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-0.

Kramer was trying to become the 14th rookie to pitch a no-hitter and the first since Oakland's Mike Warren against Chicago on Sept. 29, 1983. His bid seemed in jeopardy when Herm Winingham opened the seventh with a hard grounder that bounced off first baseman Sid Bream's glove.

Oester, batting just .175, spoiled it for good with an oppositefield drive to left that landed 10 feet inside the line.

Giants 13, Phillies 5
Aide Hammar won his first start of the season and drove in three runs as the San Francisco Giants got a season-high 18 hits and routed the Philadelphia Phillies 13-5. Juan Samuel opened the Philadelphia first

with his fourth leadoff home run, setting a team record.
Astros 8, Cardinals 7
Rafael Ramirez hit a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning and Bill Doran drove in five runs as the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 8-7. Dan Schatzeder, 1-0, pitched three scoreless innings. Cris Carpenter, 1-3, took the loss.

Cubs 4, Braves 3
Ryne Sandberg hit a two-run triple in a four-run first inning and the Chicago Cubs beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3. Scott Sanderson, 4-2, allowed four hits in six innings, struck out three and walked one.

Padres 5, Expos 2
Jack Clark homered and drove in three runs last night, leading the San Diego Padres over the Montreal Expos 5-2. Eric Show, 5-4, ended his three-game losing streak and Greg Harris got his first save.

Tigers 9, White Sox 7
Keith Moreland's three-run double keyed a six-run fourth

inning as Detroit beat Chicago. Harold Baines drove in five runs for the White Sox, including a three-run homer in the eighth.
Mariners 6, Brewers 5
Ken Griffey Jr. snapped an eighth-inning tie with a pinch two-run homer as Seattle rallied from a four-run deficit to edge Milwaukee. Bill Wegman, 2-5, allowed three runs and four hits.
Yankees 3, Athletics 2
Clay Parker pitched seven-plus innings for his first Major-League victory and Steve Balboni snapped an eighth-inning tie with a two-out, two-run homer as New York beat Oakland, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Results
National League
Chicago 4, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 0
San Diego 5, Montreal 2
San Francisco 13, Philadelphia 5
Houston 8, St. Louis 7
Los Angeles at New York (PFD-rain)

American League
Toronto 7, Cleveland 6
Kansas City 8, Minnesota 1
Detroit 9, Chicago 7

New York 3, Oakland 2
Seattle 6, Milwaukee 2
California 7, Boston 2
Baltimore at Texas (PFD-rain)

Standings
American League
East Division
New York 18 19 486
Boston 17 18 486
Cleveland 17 19 472
Baltimore 15 19 441
Milwaukee 15 21 417
Toronto 14 24 368
Detroit 13 23 361

West Division
California 25 13 658
Kansas City 25 13 658
Oakland 25 13 658
Texas 20 15 591
Seattle 21 18 558
Minnesota 16 20 444
Chicago 16 22 421

Top boxers seek to spark interest in their division

NEW YORK, May 17, (UPI) Light heavyweight champions Dennis Andries and Charles Williams and former champions Donny Lalonde and Bobby Czyz hope to spotlight their division during a two-day double-header June 24 and 25.

Andries defends the World Boxing Council title against Lalonde June 24, and Williams defends the International Boxing Federation crown in a rematch against Czyz the following day.

Both fights are promoted by Bob Arum and Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino and will be televised by ABC from the Atlantic City, New Jersey, Convention Centre. Nearly everyone involved would like the bouts to lead to a 175-pound (79 kg) unification tournament, including World Boxing Association champ Virgil Hill.

"Hopefully we can spark renewed interest in the light heavyweight division," said Bob Yalen, director of boxing for ABC, which will also televise Hill's May 27 defense against Joe Lasisi.

"Hopefully, with (Arum's) help, we can bring it down to one champion and it will become one of the dominant divisions."
The last dominant light heavyweight champion was Michael Spinks, who moved up to the heavyweight division in 1985. Since then, nine men have held titles in the 175-pound weight class, including Lalonde and Czyz.

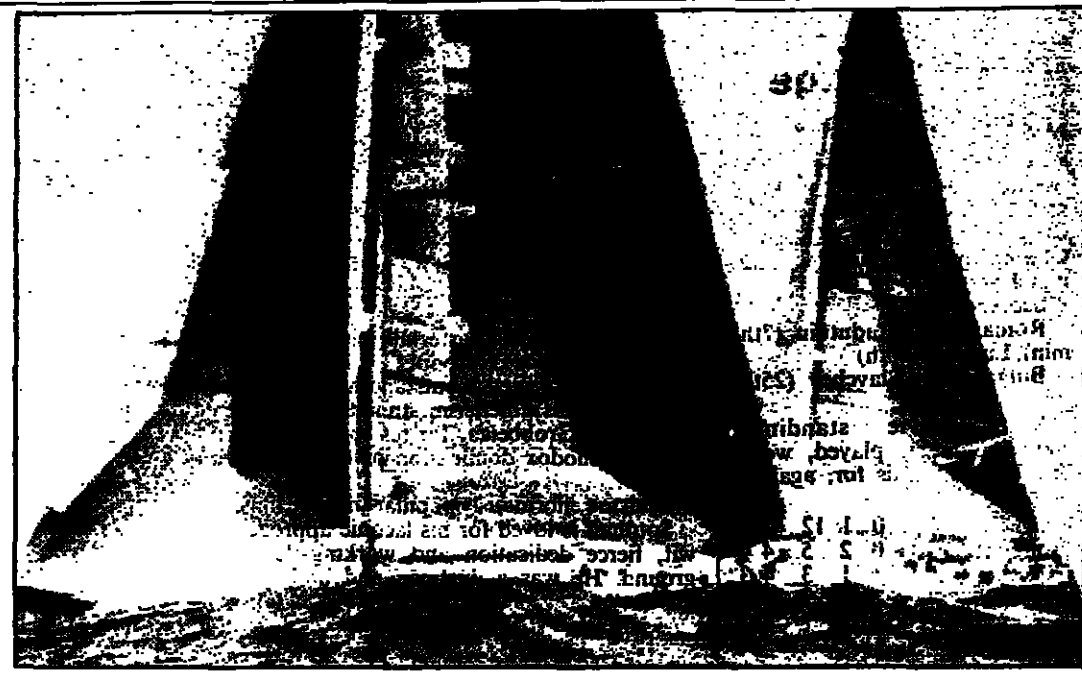
Lalonde lost his WBC title to Sugar Ray Leonard on a ninth-round knockout last November. Leonard promptly relinquished the 175-pound belt and Andries defeated Tony Willis to capture the vacant championship.

"It's very important to me to become champion of the world again," said Lalonde, who has not fought since losing to Leonard. "I feel confident I'm going to become champion of the world after this fight. Being champion gives me a forum to speak from."

Lalonde's crusade is against child abuse. He says he was abused as a teenager by his stepfather.

Andries has held the WBC title twice. He won the crown vacated by Spinks with a decision over J.B. Williamson in 1986, but lost it to Thomas Hearns in his second defence. At 35, he says he still has a lot of fight left.

Andries, a Guyanese who lives in England, is 34-7-2, with 21 knockouts. Lalonde, 29, a Canadian who lives in New York, is 31-3 with 26 knockouts.



Trans-Atlantic yacht race

Swiss skipper Pierre Fehlmann at the helm of 'Merit' (left) leads moments after the start of the return leg of the Lorient-Saint Berthelemy-Lorient trans-Atlantic yacht race on Tuesday. Close behind is British skipper Frank Eissen at the helm of 'Defender'. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ewing scores 32 points

Knicks stay alive in NBA playoffs

NEW YORK, May 17, (AP) Patrick Ewing snapped out of a slump with 32 points, including nine in the final 1:38, and the New York Knicks held on to beat the Chicago Bulls 121-114 last night and stay alive in the NBA playoffs.

In Phoenix, Dan Majerle scored nine of his 24 points in a pivotal third period and Tom Chambers had 13 of his 24 in the final 10 minutes as the Phoenix Suns beat the Golden State Warriors 116-104 last night to win their Western Conference semifinal playoff series in five games.

Chicago still lead the best-of-7 series 3-2 and will advance to the Eastern Conference finals against Detroit with a victory in Chicago Friday night or back at Madison Square Garden Sunday.

Chicago is seeking to reach the Conference finals for the third time in franchise history. The Bulls lost to Milwaukee in 1974 and Golden State the following year.

The Knicks, meanwhile, are trying to become the fifth team in National Basketball Association history to win a playoff series after trailing 3-1.

Ewing, who made 56.7 per cent of his shots in the regular season while scoring 22.7 points per game, was averaging 17.9 on 45 per cent shooting in the playoffs before last night's game, during which he was 12-for-20 from the field.

Rod Strickland gave the knicks their biggest lead, 96-77, to start the fourth period before Michael Jordan led a Chicago rally, scoring 17 of his 38 points in the quarter.

Chicago closed the gap to 110-105 with 1:38 to go. After baskets by John Paxson and Jordan made it 112-109, Ewing scored on a turnaround and a breakaway layup, making it 116-109 with 33 seconds left.

Ewing made three free throws after that, offsetting another basket by Jordan and a 3-pointer by Paxson.

Phoenix, winning the last three games to take the best-of-7 series 4-1, advanced to the Conference finals against the two-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers. That best-of-7 series starts Saturday.

The Suns, who trailed by 11 points late in the second quarter and 50-59 at halftime after making 12 turnovers and only 41 per cent of their field goals, took the lead to stay at 71-70 on Chambers' jumper with 3:34 left in the third period.

Majerle, known more for his defense, came off the bench and hit a slam-dunk with 1:26 remaining and a 3-point goal with 27 seconds to go for a 79-74 Phoenix lead after three quarters.

Mini-Games get under way

CURIOUM, Cyprus, May 17, (AP) A mini-Olympics for some of the world's smallest states got under way today with a torch-lighting ceremony in the ruins of an ancient Greek temple overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Twenty-two girls, clad in white classical Greek robes, glided between the pillars of the 2,700-year-old temple to the music of flute and the beat of a drum in a repetition of the ritual that preceded the original Olympics in ancient Greece.

One of the maidens lit the Olympic-style torch from a flame burning in a huge broken stone jar found in the sanctuary of the temple when it was excavated.

She handed the torch to Cypriot athlete Petros Evripidou to carry to port city of Limassol 10 miles (16 kilometres) to the east.

Denmark win

COPENHAGEN, May 16, (Reuter): Denmark beat Greece 3-0 (halftime 0-0) in their European Under-21 Soccer Championship Group One match yesterday.

W. German soccer
BONN, May 17, (Reuter): Result of a West German First Division soccer match yesterday: Bochum 2 Bayer Leverkusen 4

Ali testifies on behalf of his doctor

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 17, (AP) Muhammad Ali, looking weak but saying he feels good, testified yesterday on behalf of a doctor he credits with improving his life.

The former heavyweight champion has been diagnosed as suffering from parkinsonism, a condition marked by slurred speech, weakness and a stiff gait. At times, Ali could barely be heard as he testified in the trial of Dr. Rajko Medenica, a Yugoslav-born cancer specialist charged with fraud by Swiss authorities.

"He improved my physical condition," Ali said of the doctor, crediting Medenica with stopping the trembling in his hands.

Ali's third wife, Yolanda, 32, often spoke for him during their 10-minute courtroom appearance where they said

Medenica was the first to improve Ali's condition.

"Muhammad had a low image of himself. After this treatment he as full of life," the former fighter's wife said.

Ali was alert and in good spirits at a news conference, joking with reporters despite partly slurred speech and the stare associated with the condition.

Asked how he felt, he answered: "Good. I never felt better."

"I talk when I feel like it," he said, adding that his speech has improved in the past few years. But when a reporter recalled he was once considered "The Greatest," Ali said: "Used to be."

Despite the parkinsonism diagnosis, Mrs. Ali said Medenica found evidence of pesticide poisoning and used a treatment which includes



Mohammad Ali

the drug interferon, which he employs in his cancer therapy, and a regenerative process known as blood cleaning.

The Geneva trial, which opened April 17, is being held

without Medenica after a United States district court judge ruled that the doctor's American patients depend on him and withdrew his passport. Medenica conducts a practice in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Medenica, 49, is accused of writing \$2.6 million in fake bills while treating patients, including many Yugoslavs, at a state hospital in Geneva in 1973-81.

In the same case, a Yugoslav court sentenced Medenica to 20 years in prison in 1983 for defrauding the state social security system.

Medenica was released after 15 months of Swiss investigative custody in 1984 when former South Carolina governor John West helped raise much of a \$300,000 bond.

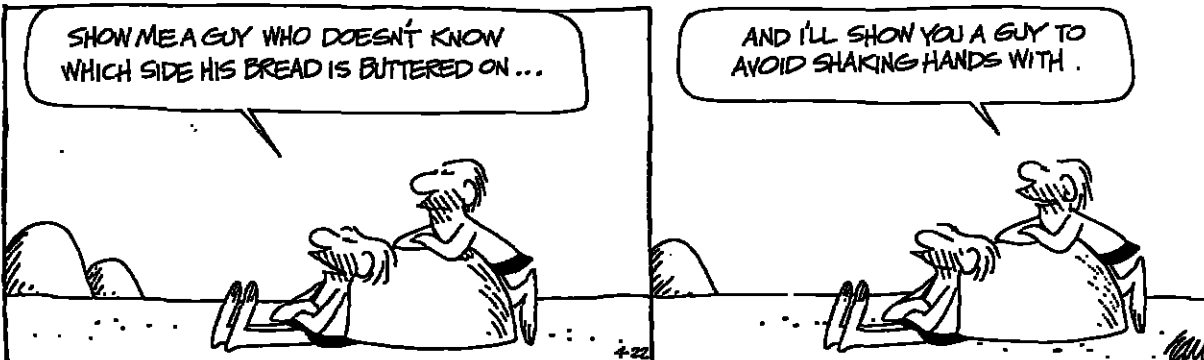
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to resolve an outstanding matter, but only if you do not delay. This is a good moment to catch up on some unanswered post. Make sure you have not left any bills unpaid. Be sincere.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have to deal with an irate person but if you keep calm you will save the day. Your friends will stand by you and this will be a great comfort to you. You should avoid drinking more than you know is enough. Be scrupulous.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You are liable to confuse what you would like to be with what is. If you think you have lots of time you are wrong, so get a move on. Make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be rational.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You will find it easier to deal with your daily tasks. Make sure you do not impose on others and do not allow others to impose on you. No need to have doubts about your own abilities. Be patient.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Your mood will not be all that good but there will be some news that should make you feel better. You should not become involved in a difference of opinion between married friends. Something you had feared might not happen now. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should work hard but without allowing work to interfere with your family life. Try to think a little more positively and do not dwell so much on the past. Make sure you do not do anything that is not entirely legal. Be tidy.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You should not spend too much of your time dealing with secondary matters to the detriment of what is really important. Your lucky numbers are 7 and 22. Do not hesitate to ask what has happened if something you had expected has not arrived.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

Do try to make allowances when dealing with a person who is in a bad mood. You are going about things in the right way, but you must not slacken your efforts. You could well have some good luck, but it will not substantially change your life. Be sensible.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to obtain some good results but you must work hard. Do not wait until tomorrow — it might be too late. However, if you are in too great a hurry there is a danger that you may miss some vital point. Be fair.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

The prospects are good but you will still have to work hard to achieve your ends. A problem that has been bothering you will be nearer to a solution. You should avoid taking on new commitments if you are not sure you can meet them. Be magnanimous.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will feel quite sure of yourself at first, but soon you will regain your self-confidence. A few changes will have to be made but do consider them most carefully first. You should listen attentively to what others are saying. Be moderate.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You must make some changes and something you learnt recently will help you to make them for the better. Make sure you get enough exercise, but do not exhaust yourself. Something you were told in confidence should not be revealed. Be considerate.

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Liberators Cup

Internacional and Olimpia in semifinal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 17, (AP): Internacional was to host Olimpia of Paraguay this evening to decide one of the finalists of the Liberators of America Cup soccer tournament, the South American club championship.

The game was to start at 9.30 pm (0300 GMT Thursday) at Beira-Rio Stadium, Inter's home field in Porto Alegre, 966 miles (1,558 kilometres) southwest of Rio.

Internacional is in an excellent position to advance to the final, having won last week's first game of the home-and-away semifinal series 1-0 in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Internacional, which eliminated Brazil's 1988 national champion Bahia in the quarter-finals, needs only a tie in the return match to advance to the final.

If Internacional wins by a one-goal margin, the teams will decide the final berth by penalty kicks.

Atletico Nacional of Colombia are one of the other semifinalists.

Romania edge past Bulgaria

BUCHAREST, May 17, (Reuters): Romania beat Bulgaria 2-1 (halftime 2-1) in a European Under-21 Soccer Championship Group One match yesterday.

Scorers: Romania — Radutiu (7th min), Lupescu (30th). Bulgaria — Slavchev (25th min).

Group One standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Bulgaria 4 3 0 1 12 4 6
Romania 4 2 0 2 5 4 4
Greece 3 1 1 1 3 4 3
Denmark 3 0 1 2 3 11 1

Remaining matches: Oct 10 Denmark v Romania, Bulgaria v Greece, Nov 14 Romania v Denmark, Greece v Bulgaria.

Liverpool cruise to victory

Fans oppose identity plan

LONDON, May 17, (Agencies): Liverpool's charge to a remarkable English League and Cup soccer double continued unchecked yesterday when they beat Queen's Park Rangers 2-0 before their Anfield devotees.

A goal in each half by John Aldridge and captain Ronnie Whelan took them back to the top of championship, one point ahead of Arsenal.

But the London side can regain top place in the absorbing battle for supremacy against Wimbledon at home tomorrow.

Liverpool's next date is the FA Cup final against Everton on Saturday followed by a home clash against West Ham three days later.

The finale to the season promises to be a classic — Liverpool versus Arsenal, with the title most probably still in the balance at Anfield on May 26.

Rangers kept Liverpool at bay defiantly until two seconds before halftime when leading scorer Aldridge pounced for his 29th goal of the campaign.

The Ireland striker seized on the hesitancy between England defender Paul Parker and goalkeeper Dave Seaman to lob the ball home

over Seaman. Whelan fired home his goal 12 minutes after the break with an unstoppable shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Liverpool cruised to victory from that point on, obviously saving themselves for their Saturday date at Wembley.

It was Liverpool's 19th triumph of a 22-match unbeaten run in to what would be a remarkable 10th championship in the last 14 seasons.

Meanwhile, a national opinion poll revealed yesterday that eighty per cent of soccer fans oppose the government's plan to introduce identity cards to curb crowd violence.

But the poll, commissioned by English First Division club Millwall, also found that a majority of the electorate — both fans and non-fans — supported the football spectators bill, which plans to restrict entry to soccer matches to registered supporters only.

The poll, conducted on a random sample of 1,302 adults in England and Wales earlier this month, showed that 52 per cent of male voters, who make up 90 per cent of soccer's supporters, were against the membership

project. However, 53 per cent of the whole electorate supported the plan with 30 per cent against. Among women the figures were 61 in favour and 24 per cent against.

As details of the poll were released, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher condemned as "absolutely appalling and utterly disgraceful" last Saturday's outbreaks of soccer violence in which more than 250 people were arrested on the last full League programme of the season.

Speaking in the House of Commons, she underlined her determination to impose tougher curbs on spectators before the start of next season.

"More steps need to be taken," Thatcher said.

The prime minister said the new anti-violence law would be a vehicle for any further measure that people think necessary to take without just waiting and doing nothing before the coming football season.

Saturday's fresh wave of lawlessness came only four weeks after the Hillsborough stadium disaster in which 95 people died. "We were all horrified," Thatcher said.



John Aldridge

Contrasting characters in goal

Stage set for FA Cup final

LONDON, May 17, (Reuters): Two of English soccer's best loved characters and finest goalkeepers will be in opposition at Wembley on Saturday when Everton meet Liverpool in the F.A. Cup final.

Neville Southall, a Welsh international who shuns publicity and is widely considered the First Division's scruffiest player, will employ his athletic bulk between the posts for Everton.

Bruce Grobbelaar, a Zimbabwe international who has fought as a soldier in the African bush and has a reputation as a sartorially elegant showman, will be playing for Liverpool.

They are respected as outstanding goalkeepers — Southall for his athleticism, strength and mastery of angles and Grobbelaar for his spectacular agility and mercurial domination of his own penalty area.

Both are enormously popular with the fans.

Southall is loved for his laconic approach, dry wit, fierce dedication and working-class background. He was a dustman and hod-carrier in Llandudno.

Grobbelaar holds similarly strong affections with the Liverpool fans. He conquered their scepticism of his ability following his signing from Vancouver Whitecaps in 1981 with a remarkable mix of clown-

ing and high skill.

They are both great entertainers and give full value for money, even in their pre-match warm-ups.

Grobbelaar may have the edge in entertainment value. With a broad grin on his face, he will swing from the crossbar and catch crosses behind his back with one hand. Sometimes he wears a hatch with clipping hands on the front.

But Southall is more impressive when it comes to sheer hard work and efficiency. He spends several minutes diving in his goalmouth as shots are fired in from all angles, a spectacle which almost always leaves him covered in mud with his socks around his ankles.

Everton captain Kevin Ratcliffe said: "We try to wrap him up in cotton wool on Fridays and send him home, but he'll be in on Saturday diving about like anything."

The pair are widely regarded as two of Britain's best goalkeepers, although they have experienced disappointing seasons by their own high standards.

Grobbelaar lost his place in the Liverpool team for a long period after suffering meningitis and Southall has occasionally lapsed in an Everton team which has been disappointing in the league.

Hick turns down offer

SYDNEY, May 17, (Reuters): Zimbabwean-born batsman Graeme Hick today turned down an offer to play for New South Wales next season.

Bob Radford, executive director of the state's cricket association, said Hick's solicitors had advised him he would not be coming to Sydney.

"Naturally we are disappointed," Radford said. "Hick would have been a great drawback and a valuable part of our challenge to win the Sheffield Shield."

A consortium of Sydney businessmen put together a

package, believed to be worth 100,000 dollars (\$77,000) to lure Hick in the hope he would repeat the success of Imran Khan who helped the state to win the Shield in 1984-85.

Queensland, who withdrew from the race for Hick's signature in late April, are reported by the media here to be still seeking his services.

Hick, who has scored over 40 centuries in his short career, is eligible to play for England in 1991. He plays for English county Worcestershire.

Defector wants life to go on

BUFFALO, New York, May 17, (AP): Soviet hockey star Alexander Mogilny, who came off as cocky and rebellious in announcing his defection to the United States last week, has described the move as "nerve-racking" and something that he's eager to put behind him.

"I did everything as though it was some inner compulsion," Mogilny, 20, said he considered defecting for some time, but didn't give much thought to the circumstances to his leaving. He said he was unaware that the Buffalo Sabres of the NHL held the right to sign him.

Libya opt out of World Cup

ZURICH, May 17 (Reuters): Libya have withdrawn from the World Cup soccer qualifying competition because they cannot play their four remaining Africa group A second round matches, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday.

The results of the two games involving Libya — a 1-0 away defeat by Ivory Coast and a 2-0 forfeit win awarded to Algeria because of Libya's refusal to play the home tie — have been discounted, FIFA added.

FIFA said the schedule of the other teams in the group — Algeria, Ivory Coast and Zimbabwe — remain unaltered.

Remaining fixtures: June 11 Ivory Coast v Algeria, June 25 Zimbabwe v Algeria, Aug 13 Ivory Coast v Zimbabwe, Aug 25 Algeria v Ivory Coast.

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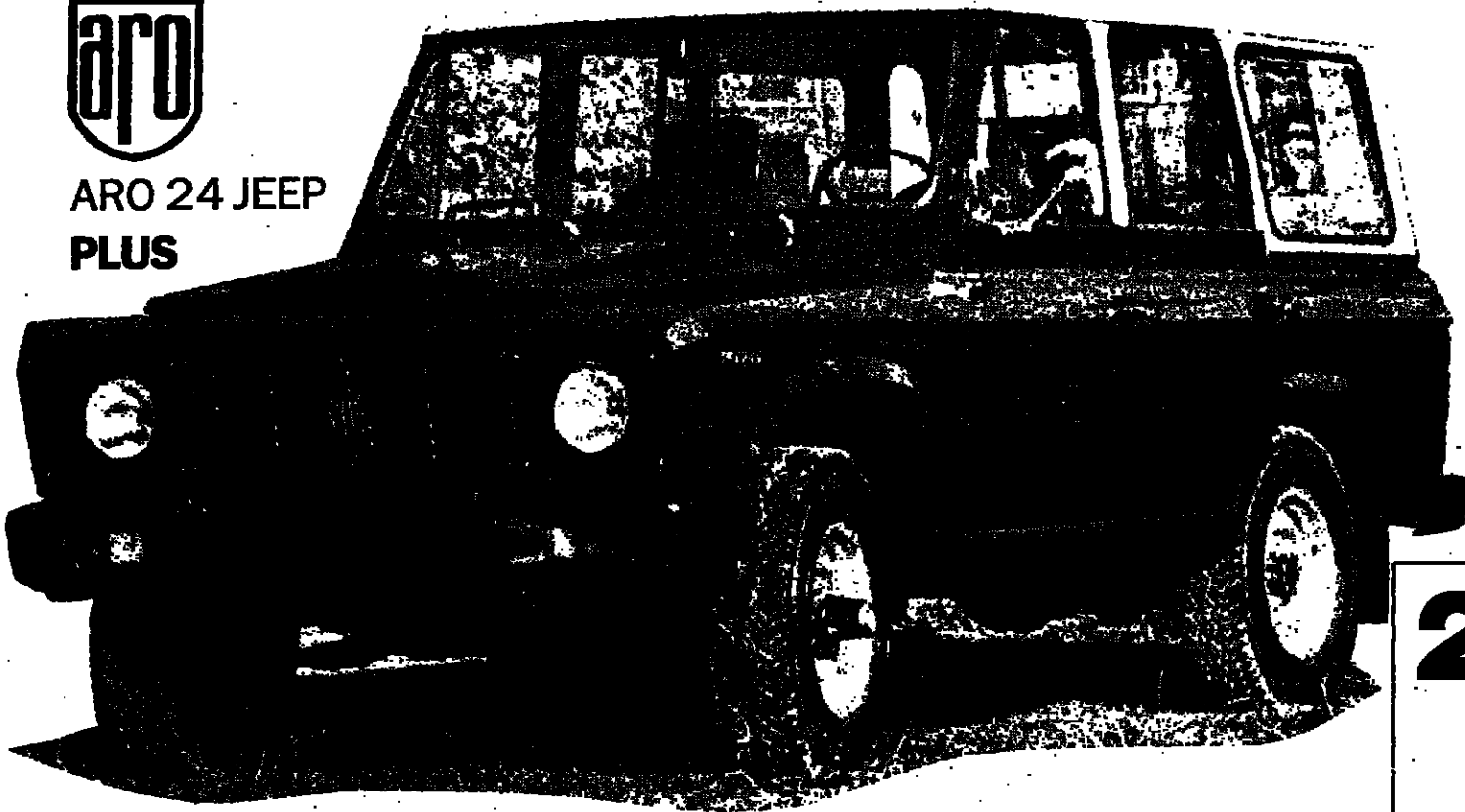


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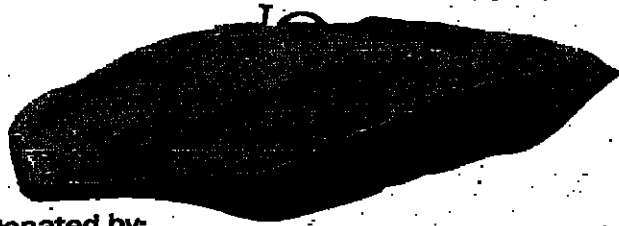
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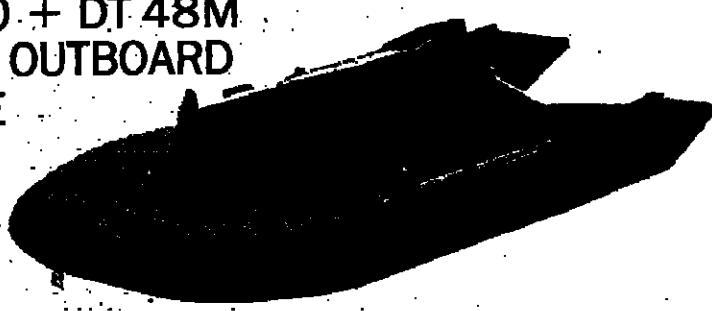
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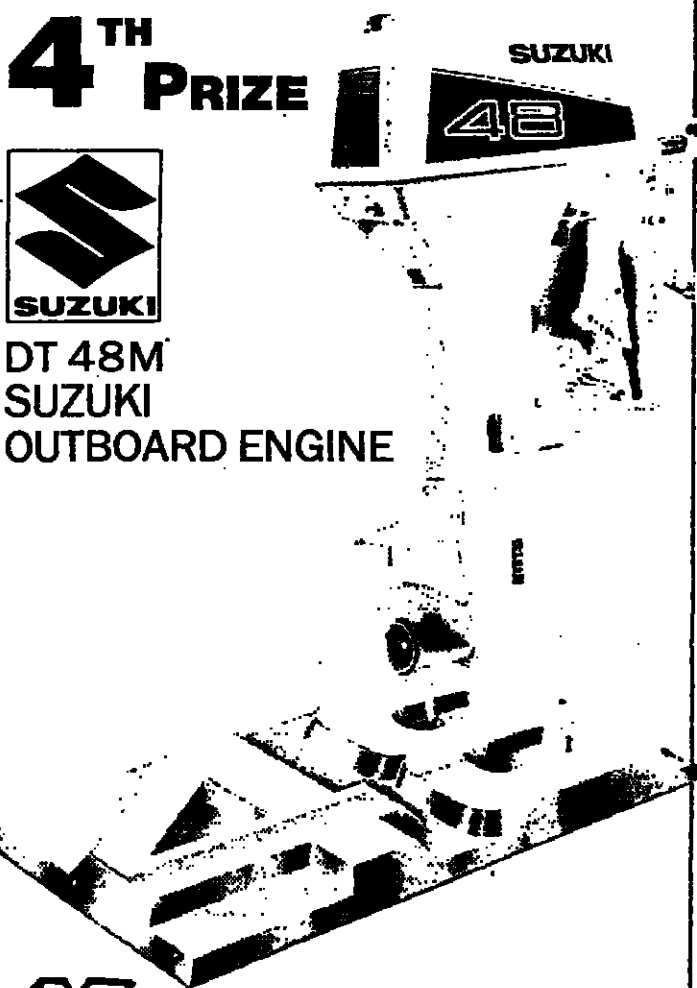
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Indians faked injuries, says Vengsarkar

NEW DELHI, May 17. (Reuters) India cricket captain Dilip Vengsarkar has accused unnamed team-mates of cowardice and faked injuries during the recent disastrous tour of the West Indies.

Vengsarkar said in an interview with an Indian news agency that his side's 3-0 defeat by West Indies in the Tests and whitewash in the five-match one-day series was mainly due to the cowardice of his frontline batsmen.

"You can't do a thing if a chap is running away from the fast bowling to square leg, right in the middle of a Test match," he said.

Vengsarkar attributed his own poor performance — 110 runs in the four-test series — to bad luck. Former India captain Bishan Bedi said Vengsarkar should have the courage to name the players he was accusing.

"It was unfortunate that Vengsarkar was thrust at the helm of affairs when Indian cricket was in a state of urgent build-up," said Bedi.

Another former captain, Mansur Ali Khan, said: "Vengsarkar should score a few more runs and just keep his mouth shut."

BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge club game held on Tuesday:

1. Duaij & Sherine
 2. Tiab & Henidi
 3. Dr Saad & Ghani
- N/S
1. Sapre & Gajjar
 2. Weinzeil & Samaha
 3. Dr Saad & Latala
- E/W
- A marathon bridge game will be played at Sheraton Hotel tomorrow at 3.00 pm.

Mecir crashes out of Italian Open

Agassi overwhelms Witsken



Wilander nearly followed Carlsson

ROME, May 17. (Reuters) Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir crashed out of the Italian Open tennis championships in the first round yesterday, falling in straight sets to unheralded Italian Omar Camporese.

The Czechoslovak fourth seed, ranked 10th in the world to Camporese's 120, looked wooden in comparison to the Italian, who took five straight games to seize the first set 6-2 and rallied late in the second to win it 7-5.

Mecir, losing finalist in the Australian Open, squandered three set points with Camporese serving at 5-4 down in set two and grew increasingly frustrated with his game, at one point hurling his

racket in the air and almost hitting a line judge.

Mecir, just back from a shoulder injury, lost in straight sets to Camporese earlier this year at the Milan indoor tournament and the 21-year-old Italian was clearly fired by the partisan Roman centre-court crowd.

"Each ball that came back to my side of the court was a big problem for me," said Mecir, who missed last week's West German Open because of the injury. "I need to play more, that's for sure."

Number three Kent Carlsson of Sweden fell in straight sets to Dutchman Mark Koevermans on Monday and ninth seed Ronald Agener of Haiti collapsed 7-6

(7-3) 3-6 6-2 to Yugoslav Bruno Oresar yesterday.

Top seed Mats Wilander almost went the same way, battling against himself as much as opponent Javier Frana of Argentina to pull back from one set down to win 6-7 (6-8) 6-3 6-2.

Agassi saw off fellow-American Todd Witsken 6-1 6-4 on a centre court packed with teen-age girls screaming their support for the 19-year-old second seed.

He left Witsken no chance in the first set but his concentration ebbed in the second and he had to fight back from 30-40 down on his service in the last game to take the match.

Scheuer-Larsen makes Graf struggle for victory

WEST BERLIN, May 17. (Reuters) World number one Steffi Graf, her fearsome forehand misfiring badly, struggled to a lucky win against Denmark's Tine Scheuer-Larsen in the West German Women's Open tennis championships last night.

Graf needed more than two hours to beat her 94th-ranked opponent 7-5 6-4 in a second round match riddled with unforced errors, including three double faults in one second set game.

The West German dropped her service in the opening game and trailed 2-1 before achieving the decisive first set break for 5-3.

Three double-faults from Graf enabled Scheuer-Larsen to go 2-1 ahead in the second set, a lead she held until the defending champion broke back to 4-4 and won the last two games.

Graf said of the double-fault series: "I can't remember when that last happened to me."

"I wasn't too good today. I trained a lot at home recently but have played only a few matches. Naturally, that makes itself felt."

In their previous two meetings, Scheuer-Larsen managed to win only five games.

Top seed Graf is scheduled to meet doubles partner Gabriella Sabatini in Sunday's final of the \$300,000 tournament.

The Argentine's opening match was held over until Wednesday to allow her to celebrate her 19th birthday.

Powerboat race poses serious questions

By Gail Seery

THE Kuwait Sea Club's powerboat race, held last Friday, was a definite success in terms of entries and organisation. It was the largest such race that Kuwait has seen, and the first to see government involvement on the scale that the Dubai race enjoys. The Dubai visitors came, and went home happy with their performance, and are likely to come again.

However the race did pose more serious questions which should be of concern not just to the sport's enthusiasts, but also on a wider scale.

Put simply, the emergency services were tested during the race, and were found wanting. Three boats had serious problems, and six men ended up in the sea. Other boats had less dramatic set-backs, but required help which they did not get. The emergency services seemed to take no account of the sea and weather conditions, and refused to go looking for missing competitors. The last boat re-

ched the Sea Club at 8 pm, after having been on the sea for five hours.

No one can take responsibility for the weather, but plans should have been adapted accordingly. The racers chose their own sport, and most have good sea experience — the same may not necessarily be said of the spectators who were ordered out of the safety of the harbour into rough waters, by the Coast Guards.

Sheikh Basel Al Sabah and Maurice Holman are still in hospital after their 32ft Tiger cat stuffed its nose into a wave. These men were in the water for some time after the incident, as were Abdullah Jafar and Nabil Faraj, whose 24ft Tiger cat Al Jaberiya also went over. Ahmed Al Khalid Al Ansari was rescued by Khalifa Al Qatami and Abdullah Al Badr, after their boat caught fire.

The helicopter crews and Coast Guards did not seem to feel they had any duty to save the competitors, and many racers feel that this

apparent apathy is an indictment of the emergency services as a whole.

If, they reason, the fire boats don't have the necessary equipment, and the Coast Guard and helicopter are not concerned with safety, when they know that their services may be required, how will they cope when the emergency is a complete surprise? And what use is a fire boat that does not have the correct equipment for putting out a fire?

Powerboat racing is a hazardous sport — but all the racers concerned were saved by their own safety equipment — and more die on the roads in Kuwait each day than in powerboat racing world-wide each year. There is an element of fear among the racers that the authorities may react to the inadequacy of the emergency services by banning races instead of by improving. This would be a tragedy for the many Middle East racers, who have invested time, money and dreams in this growing sport.

15 injured following clash

GENOA, Italy, May 17. (AP) Nearly 200 fans of cross-town rival teams Genoa and Sampdoria clashed in this Italian port city last night in one of the major disturbances of the current soccer season.

Vito Matterna, Genoa's government commissioner, reported today that 15 people were injured in fights between rival groups and in clashes with riot police who walked in to disperse the

crowd near the Marassi stadium. Six of the injured were policemen.

Hooligans smashed glasses of several parked cars and hurled stones at police during a two-hour rampage which panicked residents.

Twenty persons were arrested and charged with resisting police and with possession of arms. Police seized about 100 clubs and iron bars and several knives.

Craven unworried by threats

JOHANNESBURG, May 17. (Reuters) South African Rugby Union chief Danie Craven said today a threatened African boycott of sporting events involving Britain would not affect plans to invite an international side to the republic.

Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board (SARB), said he was optimistic that sufficient foreign players would

accept an invitation to take part in the SARB centenary matches in August.

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) said yesterday its 51 members could boycott all sporting events involving Britain after the English, Welsh and Scottish Unions cleared the way for their players to accept individual invitations to join an international team.

Imran leads Pakistan to victory

TORONTO, May 17. (Agencies) Pakistan's skipper Imran Khan put in an excellent all-round performance to lead his team to a four-wicket victory over India here on Sunday evening to restore parity in a three-match series.

Imran Khan, who scored an unbeaten 91 and captured three Indian wickets, was declared the man-of-the-match. His knock included four sixes and six fours.

The Pakistanis played much better in the 40-over game on Sunday after their poor showing in the first match at New York on Saturday night when they lost by five wickets.

A crowd of 15,000 was treated to excellent cricket as the immigrants from India and Pakistan shouted themselves hoarse while backing their respective

national teams.

Sent into bat first, the Indians scored 222 for nine. Arun Lal (42) and Robin Singh (10) put up 52 runs for the opening wicket partnership. Later, Mohammad Azharuddin scored 55 runs to become the top scorer for his side.

The Pakistani batsmen really put their head down and scored only 134 in 27 overs. But then Imran Khan, showing flashes of his old form, opened up and hit the ball at will to the delight of the crowd. Aided by Rameez Raja (48), Imran reeled off the necessary runs with three overs to spare. Pakistan's score was 223 for six.

The third and last match between the two teams in the American Cup Cricket is scheduled to be played in Los Angeles on May 20.

LOCAL CRICKET

MCC struggle past Taj Club

MUGHAL Cricket Club (MCC) beat Taj Cricket Club (TCC) by 16 runs in a Summer League Cricket Tournament match at the GCL ground earlier this week.

MCC, batting first, could only score 111 for the loss of six wickets in the 18 allotted overs. Saeed was the top scorer with 34 while Shahid hit 33 and Zahid 32.

For TCC, Fazal and Khozema took two wickets each while Mustafa and Hakeem got one each.

In reply, TCC could manage to score only 94 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the same number of overs. Shujauddin was the top scorer with 33.

For MCC, Zahid and Tahir took three wickets each while Mustafa got one.

Zahid took the Man of the Match award.



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